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Britain Stands By Guarantee To Belgium

Obligation Under Locarno Pact

Chamberlain's Reply To Commons Question

Premier Heckled On Issue Of White Paper On Relations With Soviet

LONDON, January 24.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN WAS ASKED WHETHER THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY GOVERNMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT IF BELGIUM WAS ATTACKED, THE FRANCO-BRITISH GUARANTEE WOULD COME INTO PLAY WITH LIGHTNING SPEED, REPRESENTED THE VIEW OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT AND WHETHER MILITARY PLANS FOR IMPLEMENTING IT WERE ALREADY PREPARED.

BRITAIN'S GUARANTEE

The Prime Minister said under the Locarno Treaty His Majesty's Government undertook to go to the immediate assistance of Belgium in the event of unprovoked aggression by Germany and the undertaking was reaffirmed subsequently, the last occasion being in a statement to the King of the Belgians by the British Ambassador at Brussels in August last.

IN REPLY TO THE LAST PART OF THE QUESTION, THE HOUSE COULD REST ASSURED THAT QUESTIONS OF HOW GUARANTEES OF ALL KINDS COULD BE IMPLEMENTED RECEIVED GOVERNMENT'S FULL ATTENTION.—Reuter.

Miss Unity Mitford,—Hitler's British admirer and friend—accompanied by her father and mother, Lord and Lady Redesdale, leaves Folkestone for High Wycombe.

Holiday For Mills To Avert Strike

Independence Day Programmes At Azad Maidan, Wellingdon Gardens, Chowpatty And Kamgar Maidan: 30 Lakhs Of Tricolour Flags To Be Distributed Free

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A LABOUR STRIKE IN BOMBAY ON THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HAS BEEN AVERTED DUE TO THE TIMELY DECISION OF THE MANAGEMENT OF ABOUT 48 MILLS TO DECLARE A HOLIDAY ON JANUARY 26 AND KEEP THE MILLS OPEN ON THE 28TH INSTANT. THE REMAINING MILLS IN THE CITY MAY COME TO A DECISION TO FALL IN LINE BY TO-MORROW.

Representations had been made to the Millowners' Association on behalf of the Congress and labour unions to keep the mills closed on January 26. The Association addressed a communication to the management of all the mills in the city suggesting that they could ascertain the views of workers and take decisions individually. The majority of the mills have intimated to the Association their decision to declare a holiday on the 26th in view of the unanimous demand of workers.

WORKERS JOIN CELEBRATIONS

Mill workers in their thousands will join in the observance of the Independence Day. A public meeting has been convened by the Girni Kamgar Union at the Kamgar Maidan, Parel at 4-30 p.m. on Friday.

30 LAKHS OF FLAGS

The B. P. C. C. has made arrangements for the distribution of over 30 lakhs of small tricolour flags in the mill area and other wards.

A large number of Muslim citizens of Bombay are expected to join in the celebrations of the day. They will hold a flag salutation ceremony at the Wellingdon Gardens, Madanpura, at 2-30 p.m. after which they will march in procession along the Ripon Road, Bellasis Road and Lamington Road and join the main procession near the Imperial Cinema.

After attending the meeting at Azad Maidan the Red Shirt volunteers will leave for Bhiwandi where they have been invited by the local Congress Committee.

TORCH-LIGHT PROCESSION

A torch-light procession and public meeting are the main items on the programme at Bhiwandi.

CITY PROGRAMME

The programme to be followed in the city includes flag salutation at Chowpatty at 8 a.m., procession from the Congress to Azad Maidan at 4 p.m., and public meeting at Azad Maidan at 6 p.m. Cycle processions have been arranged in all the wards at 7 a.m. A second public meeting has been convened at 8-30 p.m. at Palan Sojpal Chawl, Dadar.

B. P. C. C.'s PROGRAMME FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY IN CITY

The General Secretaries of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee announce:—

The Sevikas of the Bombay Seva Dal and other volunteers have been moving round selling National Flags for being hoisted on houses and residences tomorrow morning. These flags can be had from any of the Khadi Bhandars and from the Congress House as well.

BUTTON FLAGS

Button flags will be available from early morning to-morrow and we have no doubt that every one will make it a point to use one on his or her person during all the demonstrations of the Day.

Several associations, public and commercial, have intimated to us their desire to join their auspices with the B.P.C.C. for to-morrow's celebrations. Those who have not already done so should kindly do it during the course of to-day.

There will be two Flag Salutations at 8 a.m. in the North and South of Bombay.

At Chowpatty, Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai, President of the B.P.C.C. will unfurl the flag. Mr. Bal Gangadhar Kher will unfurl the flag in the Open Grounds, opposite Nappoo Hall, Matunga, G.I.P. Railway. Both Messrs Desai and Kher will address the gathering after the Flag Salutation ceremony is over.

Meeting At Azad Maidan

The evening mass meeting at 6 o'clock on the Azad Maidan is the most important function of the Day. Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai, President of the B.P.C.C., will preside over the function. The proceedings will begin with the singing of 'Vande Mataram' by Sangit Sudhakar V. D. Ambhaikar of Nagpur. Immediately after that, Mr. B. J. Desai will explain in Hindusthani the Independence Pledge to be taken by those present. After explanation, he will read the Pledge in Hindusthani and the audience will repeat it after him. Those who have got any conscientious objection to any part of the Pledge need not repeat that part themselves. After everybody in the audience

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Air-Raid Over Shetlands

Admiralty Announce Loss Of Destroyer

Vatican Charge Against Reich

LONDON, Jan. 24.

THREE 'PLANES, BELIEVED TO BE GERMAN, FLEW HIGH OVER THE SHETLANDS TO-DAY. AIR-RAID WARNING LASTED HALF AN HOUR. BRITISH FIGHTERS ASCENDED BUT FAILED TO MAKE CONTACT.

An eye-witness stated that the 'planes dodged behind the clouds and one dived towards harbour but did not attack it, though a steamer moored at the quay.

It is learned that six bombs were dropped, four of which in a sparsely populated district, where there are no military objectives. No damage is reported.

R. A. F. Casualties

The following is an Air Ministry Casualty Communique, No. 18 (R. A. F.):—

Killed in action or previously reported missing—11.

Missing—20.

Killed or missing on active service and believed to be killed—24.

Died on active service—13.

WIFE IN INDIA

The R. A. F. Casualties include the name of Flight Lieutenant T. M. Tinker, killed on active service. His wife is now living at Risalpur.

BREACH OF CONCORDAT

Vatican Charge Against Reich

The Vatican Radio last night announced that in Germany religious teachings in professional training schools had been abolished.

This measure continued the Vatican announcer, is a flagrant violation of Vatican Concordat with the Reich

British Destroyer Lost

Loss of the British Destroyer "Exmouth" by mine or torpedo presumably with all hands is announced by the Admiralty early to-day.

"Exmouth" (1,475 tons) was commissioned in 1935 and normally had a complement of 175. She was commanded by Captain R. S. Benson, who received D. S. O. in December for successful action against enemy submarines in "Exmouth."

The flotilla leader, "Exmouth" is the second British destroyer to be sunk within a week and the fifth since the outbreak of the war. It is the first case in which there were no survivors. Captain Benson from 1937 to 1938, commanded the eighth destroyer flotilla on the China station.

The "Exmouth" is a sistership to the "Grenville."

"EXMOUTH" SUNK IN NORTH SEA?

BERLIN.—The Flotilla leader "Exmouth" was sunk in the North Sea, according to a High Command Communique.

TRAWLER FEARED SUNK

The Lowestoft trawler "Newhaven" has failed to return from a fishing trip. The trawler is overdue by a week and it is feared, struck a mine and sank without trace. The trawler carried a crew of nine.

Greek Ship Torpedoed

A Lisbon message says:

Survivors from the Greek steamer "Ekatonatarchos Dracoulis" who have arrived from Peniche state that the steamer was torpedoed without warning.

The explosion killed six men in the engineroom. The vessel was carrying wheat from Buenos Aires.

SURVIVORS LAND AT PENICHE

Ten survivors of "Ekatonatarchos Dracoulis" have been landed at Peniche by a Spanish steamer.

Some suffering from injuries are taken to hospital.—Reuter.

Norwegian Steamer Sunk

OSLO, Jan. 24.

The Norwegian steamer "Sydfold" (2,400 tons) has been sunk off the Scottish coast.

19 of the crew have been rescued and five are missing.

19 OF CREW RESCUED

Nineteen of the crew of the Norwegian steamer "Sydfold" which was sunk off the Scottish coast landed at Haguesund, rescued by another Norwegian steamer. Five others of the crew are missing. The first-mate expressed the view that the "Sydfold" was torpedoed without warning

To Check German Ships Scuttling

In the House of Commons Mr. Hudson, Civil Lord of Admiralty, stated that special orders had been given to His Majesty's ships with a view to frustrating the regular practice of the crews of German merchant ships of scuttling their ships to avoid capture.

Red Offensive Fails

LONDON, Jan. 24.

In Finland the big Russian offensive has failed.

The attacks were particularly heavy on the Karelian Isthmus front. Wave after wave of Russians were sent but they failed to break through Finnish defences in north and north-east of Lake Ladoga. The Russians tried to break through the Mannerheim Line from the rear and they suffered heavy losses.

Russian air attacks over Finland yesterday killed over thirty people. The Finns claim to have shot down nine Soviet bombers.

Four Hospitals Bombed

The Russian air force continued its raid over central and southern Finland. No less than four hospitals are reported to have been hit.

It is officially confirmed that six Soviet bombers were shot down and unconfirmed reports state that three more were destroyed. Large sections of the population have been forced to spend many hours in air-raid shelters.

ON HOME FRONT

The war has brought closer harmony on the Finnish home front and workers and employers have concluded an agreement to settle all questions between them by friendly negotiation.—Reuter.

Reich Still Italy's Ally

Hitler Gives Formal Guarantee To Il Duce

PARIS, Jan. 24.

"Petit Parisien" says that according to information from Berlin Herr Hitler is reported to have given Sgr. Mussolini a formal guarantee that at no time will Russia be able to violate Italian and Hungarian zones of interest without meeting German resistance.

The report says that a memorandum to this effect was submitted to Herr Hitler by Herr von Ribbentrop and Herr Hess on January 16 and despatched by a diplomatic messenger to Italy on January 17.

The newspaper says that Berlin tried to convince Rome that the Reich still is Italy's loyal ally.

The memorandum is reported to have developed the argument that Italian interests would be taken into account even if necessities of the war resulted in certain steps in the Balkans of a security nature.

The document further stressed the necessity of paralysing Britain and hoped that the plan would not meet with Italian opposition.—Reuter.

NAZI-LITHUANIAN AGREEMENT

KAUNAS, Jan. 24.

Germany and Lithuania have signed an agreement for transit through Lithuania of goods between Germany and Russia.

Owing to shortage in German rollingstock, Lithuania has sent a hundred trucks to Germany to fetch coal.—Reuter.

DERBY ABANDONED

LONDON, Jan. 24.

THE JOCKEY CLUB ANNOUNCES THAT THE EPSOM SPRING AND SUMMER RACE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN ABANDONED AND THUS THE DERBY WILL NOT BE HELD AT EPSOM BUT DOUBTLESS SUBSTITUTE RACES TO THE DERBY AND THE OAKS WILL BE HELD, PROBABLY AT NEW MARKET, IDENTICAL TO THOSE IN THE WAR YEARS OF 1915-18.—Reuter.

Price Control Problem

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24.

The economic and other difficulties of controlling prices of primary commodities and the danger of unco-ordinated price control by different parts of the country without reference to each other were referred to by Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, Commerce Member, opening the second Price Control Conference to-day.

In inviting the Conference to suggest ways to meet these difficulties, he sketched a scheme of co-ordination by which the Centre would control prices of principal commodities at the stage of production and with reference to the wholesale markets, while at the retail stage the Provinces and States should be free to fix minimum prices on the basis of the wholesale prices fixed by the Centre. He urged the Conference to give its opinion on this plan.—A. P.

WHEN "GUARANTEE" HAS TO BE FULFILLED

LONDON, January 24.

As regards Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons with regard to the guarantee to Belgium, especially his remark that Government must maintain the right to decide what is the test of aggression, it is pointed out in Belgian quarters in London, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, that the main factor which would bring the guarantee into operation must be an appeal from Belgium invoking the provisions of the guarantee.—Reuter.

KAY STAMMERS WEDS IRISH GUARD LT.

LONDON, Jan. 22.

The famous tennis player Miss Kay Stammers married Mr. Michael Menzies, Second Lieutenant in the Irish Guards.—Reuter.

COMMOTION IN SHARE MARKET

Association Imposes Penalty Sequel To Private Trading

BOMBAY, Jan. 24.

The Board of the Native Share and Stock-Brokers Association have decided to take a penalty of Rs. 500 and 1/4 per cent. of the value of the shares traded in private on the 15th and 16th January, from the brokers who have infringed the rules. Such members have been asked to make payable the cheque for the amount of the penalty to the Secretary of the Association.

How many offenders have been brought to book still remains unknown. Great commotion prevail among the members of the market owing to this stringent measure.

TATA DEFDS.

Tata Steel Defds. which had closed at Rs. 2,032-8 were placed at Rs. 2,065 following improvement in cotton prices. They were quoted at Rs. 2,055 at 7 p.m.

SOCIALISTS AND KISANS FALL IN LINE

(From Our Correspondent).

PATNA, Jan. 24.

Bihar Congressmen, Socialists and Kisans Sabhaites have finally decided to sink their differences and merge into the District Congress Committees for vowing together to struggle for motherland's liberation.

Independence Day, for which vigorous preparations are afoot; has thus gained special significance in Bihar.

PUNJAB MUSLIM STUDENTS' DECISION

LAHORE, Jan. 24.

At a meeting of the Punjab Muslim Students' Federation a resolution was passed asking Muslim students all over the Province to celebrate the "Independence Day" by holding public meetings and taking out processions, and strictly enjoining on them to remain peaceful during the demonstrations of the day.—United Press.

EXCESS PROFITS TAX IN INDIA

Govt. Amendment To India & Burma Bill In Commons

LONDON, January 24.

The House of Commons to-day resumed discussion of the India and Burma Miscellaneous Amendments Bill.

GOVT. AMENDMENT

In the Committee, a Government amendment was inserted in Clause I to enable the Government of India, should they so desire, to introduce an Excess Profits Tax, such as introduced in England.

WINTERTON'S PLEA

Lord Winterton in Commons said since the second reading of Bill he had an opportunity of consulting a distinguished civil servant, who knew the circumstances that led up to the drafting of the Act.

Lord Winterton added what happened in the case of particular Act by one of the Provincial Legislatures was that the Act did constitute a serious inroad upon the taxable capacity of the income-tax-paying classes of India.—Reuter.

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Tenders should be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the Office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the description of the tender, together with an earnest money of Rs. 1,600/-.

Form of tender, specification and plan will be issued on payment of Rs. 5/- to any one deputed to receive them by the City Engineer and any further information that may be required will be furnished by the Chemist at the Dadar Purification Works.

In case of a firm, the names of all the partners must invariably be specified in the tender.

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(Sd.) N. V. MODAK,
City Engineer.

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Further particulars can be had from Head Police Office, Bombay No. 1.

J. SIMMONS,
Dy. Commissioner of Police, Port.

Head Police Office:
Bombay, 24th January, 1940.
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Legal Notices

IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT MUNSIF OF DINDIGUL.

S. C. No. 1012 of 1939.

P. GOPALAKRISHNAN CHETTIAR & SONS, Joint family, Hindu Firm, through manager P. K. Ramaswami Chettiar ..... Plaintiff.

Versus:—

1. AMRITLAL DHRUV, 2. MARASING HARI DESHPONDE ..... Defendants.

The above plaintiff has filed the suit for recovery of Rs. 139-1-0, the same being due by way of refund for failure to perform the contract, against defendants. The defendants may appear on 30th January, 1940 and defend. Failing which the suit will be decreed ex parte.

(Sd.) T. RAMASWAMI IYER,
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Marked Rise In Death Rate

Report Of Public Health In Bombay Province During 1938

The year 1938 was marked by a rise in the death rate in Bombay Province to 30.47 per 1,000 of the population, against 27.50 per 1,000 in the previous year, says the annual report of the Director of Public Health.

Deaths from smallpox increased by 2,545, from fevers by 22,253 dysentery and diarrhoea 6,148, respiratory diseases 14,131, other causes 15,688 and injuries 713. Cholera deaths showed a decline of 7,179 and plague deaths a fall of 100.

STANDARD OF LIVING TELLS

The standard of living of the masses, which is very low, lowers the vitality of the people and they fall an easy prey to diseases which can be averted by a better way of living. Lack of education and indifference towards the principles of hygiene make the problem still more difficult.

"The steady increase in the diseases of the respiratory system, including phthisis, is repeatedly stressed in the past," says the Director of Public Health. "The disease is spreading to the rural areas from the disseminating urban areas and the necessity of organising preventive measures on a larger scale, especially in the industrial towns which serve as centres, is apparent."

"The rise in the infant mortality from 160.74 in 1937 to 174.16 in 1938 is equally alarming. It is greatly influenced by the prevalence of measles and smallpox.

The number of deaths registered as due to fevers during 1938 was 186,363, against 164,130 in 1937 and 166,279 the mean of the previous five years. High death rates from fevers were recorded in East Khandesh (18.46), Ahmedabad (17.35), Broach (16.94), Panch Mahals (15.90), West Khandesh (15.71), Nasik (31.25), Kaira (11.39) and Surat (11.25).

Enteric fever registered 7,567 deaths against 6,105 in the previous year. In Bombay city an epidemic of enteric fever prevailed, resulting in 1,168 cases and 507 deaths including those among Europeans and Anglo-Indians.

The mortality figure from respiratory diseases showed an increase of 14,131 deaths, the total being 125,618 (67,883 males and 57,735 females) against 111,487 in 1937 and 104,096 the mean of the previous five years.

There were 25,565 deaths due to phthisis, equal to a death-rate of 1.42 per mille of population. The figures for 1937 were 25,123 and 1.40 respectively.

Deaths registered under dysentery and diarrhoea numbered 34,242, the previous year's figure being 28,094. There were 1,139 deaths due to snake bite against 1,048 in 1937 while rabies recorded 161 deaths against 162 the previous year.

The number of deaths from child birth was 4,252, compared with 3,093 in 1936. The maternal mortality rate per 1,000 registered births, including still births, works out to 5.51, compared with 4.17 in 1937. In the province maternal mortality works out at one death for every 181 births, including still births, as compared with one per 243 in 1937.

The number of deaths due to cholera was 3,813 against 10,992 in 1937, and 10,528 the quinquennial mean.

The smallpox deaths registered were 4,355, against 1,810 in 1937 and 6,298 mean of the previous five years.

There were 406 deaths from plague compared with 506 in 1937 and 8,281 the quinquennial mean.

The report also records the progress of maternity and child welfare organisations. The Bombay Presidency Infant Welfare Society sent 2,325 women for confinement to maternity institutions other than the homes maintained by the Society. The number of expectant mothers admitted in all centres was 3,326 and the total attendance of expectant mothers to ante-natal clinics was 27,739. Five centres have been added making a total of 47 maternity and child welfare centres in the mofussil.

AROUND THE COURTS

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Govardhandas Morarji was placed to-day before the Presidency Magistrate, Third Court on a charge of illicit posession of ganja and opium.

The Magistrate directed the accused to be released on bail.

MONKEYS' PRANK COSTS MAN'S LIFE.

A verdict of accidental death due to the fall of a tile on his head from the roof of a building at Madhav Bagh was recorded by the Coroner at the inquest on the body of Mohanji Harehanji (55), a hack Victoria driver.

Madhavji Khatav stated that he saw some monkeys playing on the roof of the building. He saw several tiles falling on the ground.

The deceased who was sitting on the victoria sustained severe injuries when a tile fell on his head. He was removed to the J. J. Hospital where he died the same day.

At the inquest on Harihar Rai Ramalapasya (30), a Mukadam of labourers working in the Thakesi Juraj stone quarry at Sewri, Bindra Rai Prafullit Rai told the Coroner that on Tuesday he was aroused from sleep by the noise of an uproar. He went to the deceased's hut and found him lying with a bleeding wound on his abdomen.

For police investigations the inquest was adjourned to February 6.

At the resumed hearing of the inquest on the body of Lealjee Morarjee (25) who died in the J. J. Hospital on January 9, the City Coroner returned a verdict of suicide due to oxide of mercury poisoning.

CHARGE OF MURDER

Desi Jugtu and Kasi Gopi were arrested by Kalachowki Police on a charge of murder and were placed to-day before Mr. G. A. Sabnis, Presidency Magistrate, Dadar Court and remanded to police custody till February 7.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ACQUITTED

"If every parent were entitled and in fact did go and question the Principals of schools about their decisions for their children, it would be impossible to run a school or to maintain discipline" observed Mr. Oscar Brown, Presidency Magistrate Third Court, in dismissing the complaint filed by Mr. Dinshaw Dadabhoy Chinoy, a Government pensioner against Mr. Saiwalla, Principal of the Fort and Proprietory High School.

ALLEGED THEFT OF MOTOR TRUCK

Lalchand Raghunath, a motor driver, is alleged to have stolen Truck No. 1007K belonging to his employer from a garage at Narsi-Natha-Street yesterday morning.

The accused was placed before Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate and was ordered to be released on bail.

MAHOMEDAN LAW IN GONDAL

DHORAJI, Jan. 23.

The Porbandar Memon Suria Jamat passed a resolution regarding Mahomedan Law in Gondal State for Memon thanking the Maharaja for the legislation.

Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY

In Insolvency

NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND.

The OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE of Bombay has declared a dividend in the following estates as per particulars mentioned below. The dividend will be paid on and after the 29th instant to those creditors who have proved their claims. The Dividend Warrants will be posted to the addresses of the creditors as appearing in the records of this office.

Serial No.	Insolvency No.			Names of the Insolvents.	Dividends declared.	Rate of dividend declared in the Rupee. As. Ps.
1	607 of	1931	Re:	Goolbai Bomanji Petit.	First	4 3-3|4
2	81	„ 1937	„	Vinayak G. Phadke traded as Sun Cycle Stores.	„	0 8
3	222	„ 1937	„	Joseph Judah Cherry.	„	4 0
4	292	„ 1937	„	Fulchand Odhavji.	„	0 6
5	377	„ 1937	„	Morarji Adesingh Sha.	„	6 0
6	379	„ 1937	„	Peter James.	„	0 9
7	403	„ 1937	„	Joaquim Andrew D'Cunha.	„	1 2
8	470	„ 1937	„	Joseph Simons.	„	0 6
9	542	„ 1937	„	Dharamdas Bhagwandas & others traded as Thakordas Bhagwandas.	„	0 3
10	603	„ 1937	„	Dattatraya Ganesh Paranjpe.	„	1 0
11	4	„ 1938	„	Shaik Ahmed Usman.	„	1 4
12	17	„ 1938	„	Harold Ashworth Johnson.	„	0 5
13	76	„ 1938	„	Krishna Aruna Chalam.	„	0 6
14	60	„ 1936	„	Damji Shamji traded as Damji Kallianji & Co.	First & final	0 3-1|2
15	601	„ 1936	„	Laxman Ramji Sangle.	„	4 0
16	490	„ 1937	„	James Mollet Tristram and his wife Ethel Tristram.	„	0 10
17	554	„ 1935	„	James Leonard Williams.	Second	0 10
18	677	„ 1933	„	Derrick Netscher.	Second & final	2 0
19	152	„ 1935	„	Stephen Joseph Calmiano.	„	4 4
20	304	„ 1935	„	Albert Cicero Ives Gasper.	„	4 4
21	599	„ 1935	„	Vishwanath Ganesh Patwardhan.	„	1 1-3|4
22	84	„ 1934	„	Hafezi Ismail Adam Patel.	Third & final	0 7
23	189	„ 1934	„	Albert Joseph Saldanha.	„	1 [illegible]
24	318	„ 1934	„	Edward Cornelius Hogan.	„	2 2
25	20	„ 1938	„	Tansukhlal Ratanlal traded as Oriental Silk Stores.	Preferential distribution	16 0

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THURSDAY, JAN. 25.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Keep fit! 8-10 Habib Khan. 8-15 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Songs from the screen. 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 Menus and the market calendar. 9-15 Dina. 9-25 G. D. Agni. 9-40 Jogia on the Clarionet. 9-45 Anwar Husain

12-30 p.m. A light selection. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Three Ghazals. 1-10 Mutual understanding. 1-25 Abdul Aziz Khan. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 2-30 Musical prelude. 2-35 Gujarati literature. 2-50 Gujarati Bhavgeets. 3 An Aside.

5 You asked for it. 5-15 Selected by Mr. Shankarlal. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 Selected by Shirish Kumar Mehta. 5-50 Selected by Saheb Mama. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Grousers' Club. 6-20 K. Y. Kale. 6-30 Marathi Bhavgeets. 6-40 University Success. 6-50 Manne Chakar Rakhoji. 7 K. Y. Kale. 7-15 Apka-Khat Mila. 7-30 Moods of the Muse. 7-40 Saying it with sound. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 K. T. Kale. 8-45 Geets from the Grooves. 8-55 Talk of the town. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-45 Howard Veevers. 9-55 Korshed Joshi. 10-5 Tudor Davies. 10-10 Grace Belcourt. 10-20 Beniamino Gigli. 10-30 News.

Bombay II—Programme

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

8 to 8-15 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-15 Mohammed Umar Khan. 8-25 Jagannathbuwa Pandharpurkar. 9 "Australia's War Efforts" (E.) by Roy Golland. 9-15 Waheedanbai. 9-40 Bhairaon-Ke-Prakar. 9-50 Violin and sitar.

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

12-30 to 12-57 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 12-57 Bhajan. 1-0 to 3-15 As in Bombay 1.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 to 5-25 As in Bombay 1. 5-25 Duets. 5-35 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 Ghazals. 6-10 Anwar Husain. 6-30 Khamaj on the sitar. 6-40 G. D. Agni. 7 Do not guard your Frontiers (G) by D. H. Mehta. 7-15 G. D. Agni. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Jagannathbuwa Pandharpurkar. 8-15 The Bombay Radio Orchestra. 8-25 To-morrow. 8-30 The way out. 8-45 The Air Chorus. 8-55 Guess the artist. 9 Jagannathbuwa Pandharpurkar. 9-30 Farz. 10 Waheedanbai. 10-30 News.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Air Strings. 5-5 Asad Ali Khan. 5-25 Kumari B. Laxmi Devi. 5-40 Dance to the music of. 6-15 Zohrabai. 6-30 For villagers only. 7-30 I was a student in Germany. 2. 7-45 Zinda Hasan. 8 A Vichitra Veena recital. 8-15 Men behind the machines, 2. 8-30 Anwarbai. 10 Ghazalen. 10-35 Persian music.

Delhi II—Programme

60.48 metres (4,960 kc/s)

5 to 6-15 p.m. As in Delhi 1. 6-15 A Vichitra Veena recital. 6-30 Zinda Hasan. 6-45 Delhi Radio Orchestra. 6-50 Kumari B. Laxmi Devi. 7 Asad Ali Khan. 7-15 Anwarbai. 7-30 to 7-45 As in Delhi 1. 7-45 Zohrabai. 8 to 9-30 As in Delhi 1. 9-30 Zinda Hasan. 9-45 Habib Ali Khan Beenkar. 10 Anwarbai. 10-15 Asad Ali Khan.

Lahore Programme

276 metres (1,086 kc/s)

6-10 p.m. For the countryside. 7 Umra Zia Begam 7-15 Children's programme. 7-45 Khadim Husain and party. 8 Request songs. 8-15 Men behind the machines, 2. 8-30 Lachhman Das. 8-40 Bibi Narinder Kaur. 8-50 Indian music. 9-50 Khadim Husain and party 10-5 Sarangi recital. 10-10 Umra Zia Begam

Dacca Programme

257.1 metres (1,167 kc/s)

5 p.m. Bowling the sun away. 5-10 Meena Roy 5-20 Anil Dev Roy. 5-30 Readings. 5-50 Biren Dutta. 6-5 Gnayer Pathey. 6-40 Kajjanbai. 7 Hridoy Ranjan Roy. 7-15 Roma Nag. 7-30 Radha Govindo Das. 7 45 Let your child grow, 2. 8 Devbala. 8-20 Hridoy Ranjan Roy. 8-35 Roma Nag. 9-5 Devbala. 9-45 Pather—Pathik. 10 Jnanendra Prasad Goswami.

Calcutta I—Programme

(Add 24 minutes for Calcutta time)

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

5 p.m. For the countryside. 5-45 News in Bengali. 5-50 For the countryside. 6 News in English. 6-10 Haridas Bannerjee. 6-25 Bhabatosh Bhattacharya. 6-40 Kajjanbai. 7 Haridas Ganguli. 7-10 Bhabatosh Bhattacharya. 7-25 Kajjanbai. 8-5 Venoms and Venomous animals, 2. 8-20 Bina Chowdhuri. 8-40 Announcements in Bengali. 8-45 News in Bengali. 9 Pronunciation please. 9-15 Announcements in English. 9-20 News in English. 9-45 Dhiren Das. 10 Jnanendra Prasad Goswami. 10-30 Late news.

Calcutta II—Programme

61.98 metres (4,840 kc/s)

5 to 9-30 p.m. As in Calcutta 1. 9-30 Dorothy Cannell. 9-45 A play in three acts. 10-15 New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.

Lucknow Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)

5-10 p.m. Mannabai. 6-18 S. Mahmood. 6-25 Topic of the day. 6-30 Hamara Panchayetghar. 7 Mannabai. 7-13 Lucknow Radio Orchestra. 7-19 S. Mahmood. 7-30 I was a student in Germany. 2. 7-45 Kajjanbai. 8-5 Khuda-Hafiz. 8-30 Remodelling town and country. 2. 8-45 Mannabai 9-45 Recorded music. 9-50 S. Mahmood 10-5 Rozwell Lyall. 10-10 Qadir Bukhsh 10-15 Mannabai.

Madras I—Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc/s)

4 p.m. Invocation. 4-3 Things of interest. 4-6 Heroes of History. 4-16 Short story in Tamil. 4-20 Group singing. 4-30 New light Symphony Orchestra. 4-40 Coralie. Taylor. 4-50 Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra. 5 Shrimati G. Visalakshi. 5-20 Mannargudi Rajagopala Pillai. 5-50 Carnatic Orchestra. 6-5 Shrimati G. Visalakshi. 6-45 Tyagaraja and the future of Carnatic music. 7 To-day's Headline. 7-5 Weekly news review. 7-50 Mannargudi Rajagopala Pillai. 9 International affairs. 9-45 Shrimati T. Nagamma.

Madras II—Programme

60.98 metres (4,920 kc/s)

4 to 5-20 p.m. As in Madras 1. 5-20 Wooing of Bhasker. 5-50 to 6-5 As in Madras 1. 6-5 For rural areas. 6-10 Listeners' Forum. 6-20 The water we drink. 6-30 Light songs. 6-45 to 9-30 As in Madras 1. 9-30 Ramalinga Swamigal.

Trichy Programme

396 metres (758 kc/s)

5 p.m. Instrumental overture. 5-20 Shrimati Chellam. 5-40 Tunes from the Talkies. 6-5 For the villages. 6-30 Udumalpet V. Venkata-Krishna Iyer. 7 He, she and it. 7-15 Learn to sing. 7-50 Kumari Anantalakshmi. 8-30 Pattuvadyar. 8-45 B. K. Visvanatha Sarma. 9-45 Shrimati Chellam.

Hyderabad Programme

411 metres (730 kc/s)

5-30 p.m. Noorjehan Bharatpuri—music. 6 "Petrol" by Mr. S. M. M. Jafferi. 6-15 Master Achrekar—music 6-40 Noorjehan Bharatpuri—music. 7 to 7-30 For Children (Urdu). 7-30 Master Achrekar—music. 7-50 Orchestra—'Bahar'. 9 Master Achrekar—music. 9-20 "Malan" by Sahibzada Maiksh. 9-40 Noorjehan Bharatpuri—songs.

Java Programme

(21, 25, 27, 29 and 31 m.)

15-03 Concert. 16-00 Eagle's nest. 16-30 Swing music. 18-55 Saxophone soli. 19-05 Nirom orchestra. 20-01 Slot.

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RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9-40	20-10
Madras Mail	6-00	22-10
Peshawar-Lucknow (Express)	6-15	22-30
Calcutta Mail (Express)	9-10	17-40
Madras Express	10-15	14-25
Poona Mail	10-30	17-30
Punjab Mail	12-35	17-20
Nagpur Express	15-00	20-55
Poona Fast Pass.	16-50	11-50
Poona Express	19-32	8-05
Allahabad Express	21-00	6-15

B. B. and C. I. Railway.

	Arr.	Dep.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5-35	13-50
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Kathiawar Mail	6-45	21-30
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00
Frontier Mail	8-15	21-15
	(Mon.)	(Sat.)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee Surat	10-58	18-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Kathiawar Express	18-45	8-45
Baroda Passenger	20-37	9-25

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday, this train will run on Tuesday.

Arrivals at Ballard Pier

Frontier Mail (on Saturday only) for London 6-40

Britain's Move To Push Export Trade

LIMITED PURCHASES OF AMERICAN COTTON

New York Cotton Drops On Heavy Bombay Selling

Bombay, Jan 24

Once again Bombay operators have managed to depress world cotton prices and on Tuesday, New York cotton prices dropped by about 2 dollars. per bale.

Recently the downward lead taken by Bombay cotton market narrowed down parity between Bombay and New York cotton markets and there was heavy straddle selling by Bombay operators.

This selling was the chief cause of the drop. The sentiment on the New York cotton market was also adversely affected by reports that Britain had adopted the attitude of pushing export trade and of limiting purchases of American cotton and by failure of the recent activity in textiles to have a follow through.

The market opened easy. Active foreign selling and hedging in sympathy with declines abroad met moderate trade, New Orleans and Co-operative buying with the decline and extending on continued Bombay selling and Mill hedging against inventories and increased outside liquidation. Offtake was poor. There was limited price fixing on the scale down and the market closed barely steady.

At the opening March was quoted 8 points down which was the highest level for the day. Later on there was continuous selling and prices declined further 22 points and March was quoted 10.50 which was the lowest level. The market closed at a decline of 30 to 35 points. Spot cotton prices lost 37 points at 10.67c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was easy with increased selling and closed at a decline of 27 to 32 points. Spot cotton prices declined 27 points at 10.22c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton market opened at a decline of 24 points with March 7.88. There was Bombay and scattered liquidation in sympathy with weakness of Bombay uncovered stoplosses. The decline attracted some replacement buying but again eased on outside liquidation and Bombay selling. The market closed at a decline of 25 points which is the maximum decline limit. Middling American Spot cotton prices declined 33 points at 8.13d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton market was easy. Uppers futures declined 18 to 30 points and Giza futures closed 20 to 28 points. The Alexandria cotton market was also easy on general selling. Sakels declined 63 to 69 points and Ashmouni futures closed 42 to 47 points down

PRIVATE CABLES:—

New York March highest (10 a.m.) ..... 10.72—08
New York March lowest (3 p.m.) ..... 10.50—30
Liverpool March highest ..... 8.00—12
Liverpool March lowest ..... 7.87—25

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

Liverpool: Long liquidation catching stoplosses. Improved later with strength Egyptian markets. Some buying against sales New York by leading merchants. Market steady at close but becoming more two sided.

New York: Spinners price fixations on scale down offset heavy straddle liquidation. Further similar selling could force some lower. But think July later around 10.75.

NEW YORK COTTON

(New Contracts)

New York, Jan 23

March	10.67—33
May	10.36—32
July	9.95—33
October	9.11—39
December	9.05—38

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Jan 23

March	10.50—30
May	10.21—32
July	9.77—38
October	9.11—39
Middling Spot	10.67—37

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, Jan 23

March	10.62—27
May	10.34—30
July	9.92—32
Middling Spot	10.22—27

NEW YORK

New York, Jan 23
11 a.m. rates. Noon call

March	10.63/10.62	10.52
May	10.33/10.33	10.24
July	9.97/9.97	9.87

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, Jan 23

Bales.

Day's receipt at all U S Ports	36,000
Day's exports to Great Britain	nil
Day's exports to the Continent	10,000
Day's exports to China and Japan	3,000

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, Jan 23

January	7.88—25
February	7.86—25
March	7.87—25
April	7.86—25
May	7.85—25
June	7.81—25
July	7.78—25
August	7.72—25
September	7.63—25
October	7.54—25
November	7.51—25
December	7.50—25
January	7.48—25
Middling Spot	8.13—33

11-12 a.m. quotations.

March	7.87
May	7.86

N. B. To-day's closing prices all nominals, sellers.

EXPEDITING CAMPAIGN AGAINST ILLITERACY

Instructions To Educational Institutions

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:—

The question of the ways in which educational institutions can assist in the campaign against illiteracy has been under the consideration of the Government of Bombay for some time. Government is of the opinion that teachers and other adults can render useful assistance in tackling illiteracy in the following, among other ways.

Teachers and other adults can help—

(1) In organising and conducting local Literacy Leagues;

(2) By becoming members of the local League or Volunteers for the campaign;

(3) By explaining to their pupils the necessity of the spread of literacy and impressing on them the necessity of everyone helping the movement;

(4) Guiding and helping the pupils in carrying out the work and supervising it as well as by encouraging pupils in their work;

(5) By carrying on propaganda amongst illiterate adults;

(6) By conducting adult classes or reading rooms, etc.,

(7) By helping in office work pertaining to the organisation conducting adult education work.

CAUTION

Government would, however, like to sound a note of warning in this connection. Real and sound work is not possible if work is forced on unwilling and indifferent teachers. A sure method of meeting the problem of unwilling and grumbling workers is to stop giving any help or concession to them. Such a step alone will serve as an eye-opener to them and may lead to a desirable change in them. The question of enlisting teachers in the campaign is of great practical importance because they are in close and intimate touch with, and can influence, the rising generation more easily than others.

The employment of school children in this work may be undertaken provided that the children are willing, are physically fit and their parents or guardians approve.

Famine Relief

Work In Hissar

HISSAR, (By Mail.)

The Secretary of the Congress Famine Relief Committee writes:—

The famine relief committee is sending for distribution 1000 quilts, 2000 other clothings and 1000 Sirki (used for roofs of huts). Previously also the said committee hase distributed seven thousands clothings to the famine afflicted people.

The committee has formed ten divisions of 556 famine stricken villages of Hissar District and its twenty workers have been sent there to help the maternity cases and to distribute clothes, grains and fodder.

The committee has made arrangements to supply cheap and good food stuffs at Darba in Sirsa Tahsil, Pinhari in Hansi Tahsil and at Fatehabad.

The committee has also started relief work in the famine stricken area of Rohtak District and has formed and other local sub-committee.

B. Bhagiratlal Ji Kanodia has helped Lajpatrai Industrial School, Satrod Khurd and has promised to send Rs. 25 a month.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Jan. 24.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/58 Loan 93-12
3 1/2 per cent G. P. Notes 92-2
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 101-6
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds 94-10
3 per cent 1963/66 Loan 88-10
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 100-12
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 105-10
4 per cent 1948 Bonds 104-6
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 109-6
5 per cent 1940/43 Bond 101-12

TAX-FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 110-7
4 per cent 1953-65 Mysore 109
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 117-0

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B. P. T. 1974 102-4
4 per cent M. Deb. 1974 101-8
5 per cent M Deb. 1959 113
6 per cent M Deb 1954 120
6 per cent KPT 1956 120

Tone:—Steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Jan 24

B. C. RATES:—

T T D D 1/5 15/15 to 24th April

LONDON:—

Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to 24th April
Bank's selling T T D D .....
Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 One month
Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 9/32 Two months

NEW YORK:—

Bank's selling f T 334
Bank's buying T T 330
Bank's buying D D 328 1/2

PARIS:—

Bank's selling T T 1300
Bank's buying T T 1330

JAPAN:—

Bank's selling T T 79 1/2
Bank's buying T T 78 1/2
Bank's buying 60 days 77 1/2

AMSTERDAM:—

Bank's selling D D 55 1/8

JAVA:—

Bank's selling D D 54 6/8

HONGKONG:—

Bank's selling D D 84

SHANGHAI:—

Bank's selling D D 27 3/4

SINGAPORE:—

Bank's selling D D 157 3/4

CROSS RATE:—

Hongkong London 1/2 31/32 24th inst.
Shanghai London 0/4 7/8 24th inst.
Java London 7.47/55 24th inst.
New York London 3.97 1/4 23rd inst.
London New York 4.02 1/2-3 1/2 23rd inst.
London Paris 176 1/2-3/4 23rd inst.
London Italy 78.00 23rd inst.
London Belgium 23 80/95 23rd inst.
London Switzerland 17.85/95 23rd inst.
London Stockholm 16.85/95 23rd inst.
London Amsterdam 7.53/58 23rd inst.
London Japan 1/2 7/32 23rd inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.
Gold £8/8/0 22nd inst
Gold £8-8-0 23rd inst.
Silver London Ready 22 22nd inst.
Silver London Ready 22 23rd inst.
Silver London Forward 22 22nd inst.
Silver London Forward 22 23rd inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 22nd inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 23rd inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 22nd inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 23rd inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 22nd inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 23rd inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call 1 1/2 per cent.
3 months 2 1/2 per cent.
6 months 2 1/4 per cent.
Tone:—Firm

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, Jan 24

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. London Paris Exchange rate was 176 1/2 to 176 3/4. Dollar Sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 3.97 1/4 at New York. London silver prices for Spot and forward were unchanged at 22d. There was very small general business New York Spot silver was unchanged at 34 3/4 cents. Shanghai T T on London was unchanged at 4 1/2d. London Bombay Spot silver parity was Rs. 58-5-0 Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 27-1-0. The local market was easy to-day with increased liquidation as it was said that the Reserve Bank was not buying. Gold was fairly steady.

Quotations were as under:—

	GOLD	SILVER
Ready	Rs. 42 3 6	57 11 0
Posh	42 4 0	57 12 0
Maha	42 5 0	57 14 0

LONDON SILVER

London, Jan 23

Spot	22
Forward	22

LONDON GOLD

London, Jan 23

Gold Bars Fine per oz £8-8-0

COTTON TENDERS

Bombay, Jan 24

	To-day	Total
Bengal D/J	300	7000
Oomra D/J	250	7250

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

Alexandria, Jan 23

SAKELS:—	
March	20.02—63
May	19.97—68
ASHMOUNI:—	
February	17.68—47
April	17.85—43
GIZA:—	
March	18.46—47
May	18.82—44

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Jan 23

Broach A/M highest 277 lowest 263 1/2 closing 268 1/2

Broach J/A highest 287 3/4 lowest 274 closing 279

Oomra D/J highest 246 1/2 lowest 235 1/2 closing 239 1/4

Oomra March highest 248 1/2 lowest 237 1/2 closing 242

Oomra May highest 252 lowest 241 closing 245

Bengal D/J highest 202 lowest 194 closing 198

Bengal March highest 206 lowest 197 closing 201 1/2

Bengal May highest 208 1/2 lowest 200 1/2 closing 205

Night session: Broach A/M opened Rs. 270 1/2, highest Rs. 274 1/2, lowest Rs. 270, closed Rs. 270 1/2. Broach J/A closed Rs. 281.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool, Jan 23

UPPERS:—	
Spot	9.45—55
January	9.44—18
March	9.52—30
May	9.51—21
July	9.64—20
October	9.29—31
December	9.34—20
GIZA NO. 2:—	
Spot	10.00—53
January	9.68—24
March	9.77—24
May	9.92—22
July	9.98—20
October	9.98—20
December	9.90—28

INDIAN STERLING LOANS.

London, Jan 23

3 per cent	76 3/4
3 1/2 per cent	89 1/2
3 1/2 per cent 1964/59	99 3/4
4 per cent 1948/53	105 1/4
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	108 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68	109 1/2
5 per cent 1942/47	106 1/2
3 per cent 1949/52	95
2 1/2 per cent British Consols	74
3 1/2 per cent War loan	98 1/4
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90	110 3/4
Indian Iron and Steel New Ordinary	60

LONDON SEEDS

London, Jan 23

Rozario Santa Fe February quoted ... 26
South Australian shipment fob parcels February quoted 26/3

LONDON RUBBER

London, Jan 23

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb sellers 12 1/16

PEPPER & GINGER PRICES

Bombay, Jan 24

(The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association Ltd.).

Pepper ready Allepey per candy	Rs.	90	0 0
Pepper Maha Sud 15th per candy		92	0 0
Pepper Chaitra Sud 15th per candy		97	0 0
Pepper ready Lampong in C.I.F. per candy		12	0 0
Ginger ready unbleached per cwt		19	0 0
Ginger ready bleached per cwt		21	0 0
Ginger Maha Sud 15th per cwt		19	8 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15th per cwt		21	4 0

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, Jan 24

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

Since 1st Sept.

In full-pressed bales	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Khandesh	370	41,708	29,368
Central India	769	44,765	130,570
Barsi and Nagar	248	84,488	35,746
Hyderabad Gaorani	86	35,207	3,606
Berar	3,218	181,827	83,036
Central Provinces	939	41,549	21,986
Total Oomras	5,630	429,544	304,311
Dholera	706	24,784	85,209
N W Provinces	196	20,941	1,794
Rajputana	69	21,023	27,815
Sind Punjab	2,091	244,863	197,164
Broach	647	2,653	14,190
Coompta and Dharwar		14,380	13,653
Westerns Northerns	905	15,289	16,420
Cocanada		50	6
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		1,204	2,540
American		2,229	1,693
Egyptian, African and Sudan	360	170,078	143,718
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		1,897	7
Total	9,904	948,936	808,530
Arrived by road to 18th January 1940		85,000	

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY

1st Sept to 18th Jan

In full-pressed bales	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Europe		76,856	105,380
Japan and China	1,809	326,745	441,438
Coast Ports	2 900	10,079	16,015
Up-country by Rail		148,474	150,084
Afloat in harbour for Europe, China and Japan		194	26,727
Total	4,709	562,328	739,641

Active Support In Share Bazar

RAPID RECOVERY AFTER EARLY DROP

Steels Firms And Mill Shares Steady

Bombay, Jan 24

In sympathy with steadiness in the local cotton market, the share bazar ruled fairly steady with moderate professional support.

It appears that the move to depress prices by professional bears failed and the hammering down of prices to new low levels, found anxious support from well-informed firms and prices quickly recovered all losses and closed decidedly better.

It appears that the Bears are making attempts to depress prices but those who have hedge sales against actual holdings are taking advantage to cover them. Thus Bears are left in a difficult position and if the general confidence is restored, they will have to cover at advancing markets. Next month the market will be under the influence of the Central Budget and while we believe the technical position has improved, we do not look for any marked and sustained rise.

Yesterday the Wall Street market was quiet and was depressed by the decline in leading commodities and the fear of liquidation of American securities by Britain in her war economy. U. S. Steel shares improved 1/2 at 56 7/8 and Anaconda Copper shares closed 1/8 at 26 1/4. General Motors gained 1/4 at 52 1/4 dollars.

After a drastic decline and considerable nervousness together with heavy long liquidation, the share bazar recovered to-day with signs of confidence returning. There was fairly good replacement buying. During the early part of the session there was active selling and with nervous liquidation, prices reached new low levels in sympathy with cotton. But timely appearance of support completely changed the complexion of the market and recent sellers became buyers with the result that prices recovered rapidly.

Tata Steel Defds opened to-day at Rs. 1990 and declined to Rs. 1955 on renewed nervous selling but later on there was active buying and prices sharply rose to Rs. 2035. At this level there appeared selling and prices declined to Rs. 2005 but offerings were well absorbed and with persistent buying prices advanced to Rs. 2030. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 370 and after declining to Rs 364 advanced to Rs. 378. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 960 and after Other Mill shares also improved moderately. Associated Cement shares were unchanged at Rs. 124. Bombay Burmas improved to Rs. 606/4.

Even after the close, the market was very steady with unfilled buying orders and Tata Steel Defds were quoted at Rs. 2060.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE.

Bombay, Jan 24

Bombay Dyeing (967/8) 960 955 965 962 985 992 981 990 987/8

Century (310) 307 310 321 318 324 319 322 323 322

Central India (309) 315 312 329 321 325 326

Kohinoor (338) 337 340 338 345 352 357 348 354

New Great (345) 343 332 347 362 370 360 365 369

Simplex (104) 101 100 105 108 106 108 109/8

Swadeshi (287) 287 286 296 299 297 298 301

Associated Cement (124) 124 123/8 124

Andhra (1475) 1460

Tram Ord (131/4) 131/8

Tata Hydro (154) 152

Tata Power (1317/8) 1322 1325 1330 1327 1330

T Steel Defd (1982/8) 1985 1970 1980 1960 2020 2017 2032 2002 2035 2030

T Steel Ord (369) 370 367 369 364 374 373 376 373 378

Tata Steel 2nd Pref (137/12) 137 136/12 136/8 136

Bellapur (224) 224 222 230 232

B Steam (300) 296/8

B Burma (587/8) 587 582 606 592 602 601 607 607

WALL-STREET MARKET

New York, Jan 23

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have issued the following report showing quotations of the New York Stock Exchange:—

	Dollars
Amr Pow and Lt 5 per cent Pfd	49 1/4
Elec Pow and Lt 7 per cent Pfd	32 1/2
Electric Bond and Share Com	7 1/2
Electric Bond and Share dol 5 Pfd	59 1/4
Int Tel and Tel 1962 Deb	40 1/4
Amr Tel and Tel	170 5/8
Sun Life of Canada	290
Western Union Telg	23 1/2
New York Central R R	16
Amrex Corporation	15 1/2
Texas Corporation	43 5/8
Union Carbon and Carbide	80
Consolidated Oil	7 1/4
Chase National Bank	34 3/4
United States Steel	56 7/8
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	18 3/4
Republic Steel	18 7/8
U S Smelting	62 7/8
Int Nickel of Canada	36
Crucible Steel	35 1/8
Anaconda Copper Mining	26 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	71 1/4
Chrysler Motors	82 1/8
General Motors	52 1/4
General Electric	36 1/4
Woolworth	40 1/8
Socony	12
National City Bank of New York	29

Turnover 510,000 shares. Market firmer.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Jan 23

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£55
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948 or later	76 3/4
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	89 1/2
Indian stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	108 1/2
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	74
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	99 1/8
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	98 1/4
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	110 3/4
Victory Bonds	110
Chartered Bank of I A and China	8 5/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg.	87
National Bank of India	30

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, Jan 24

Fine White Java sugar per cwt:—

Ready (small grain)	Rs.	18	9 0
Ready (large grain)		18	10 0
Shipment December F B H		9	0 0
Shipment January F B H		9	4 0
Shipment February F B H		9	8 0
Shipment March F B H		9	12 0

Indian sugars ready:—

Ready (ordinary)		17	14 0
	to	18	1 0
Ready (large grain)		18	3 0
	to	19	11 0

Tone:—Quiet.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Jan 24

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

3 1/2 per cent Paper 92/2; 4 per cent 1960/70 105/12; 5 per cent 1945/55 110/7

BANKS

Bank of Baroda 100; Bank of Hindusthan 22/12; Bank of India 138/8; Central Bank 34/12; Imperial Bank F P 1500; Imperial Bank P P XD 362/8; Indian Overseas Bank 46/8; Reserve Bank 107; Union Bank 5/12

TEXTILES

Ahmd New Textiles 500; Ambica 275/10; Arun 225; Arvind 1375; Asok 227/8; Bharatkhand Textiles 2300; Bombay Dyeing 986/4; Buckingham and Carnatics 225; Calico 765; Central India 325; Century 321/4; Colaba 160; Elgin 162/8; Gokak 181/4; Hukumchand 165/10; Indore Malwa 55; Jubilee 278/2; Khatau Makanji 141/4; Kohinoor 353/2; Laxmi Cotton 572/8; Madhusudan 200; Marsden 110; Morarji 185; Mysore 120; Nandlal Bhandari 77/4; New Great 358/2; Raipur 720; Rajnagar 161/4; Sajjan 97/8; Sassoon and Alliance 88/4; Sholapur 4375; Simplex 109/1; Swadeshi 303; Vishnu 1395

HYDRO ELECTRIC

Andhra Valley Ord 1457/8; Tata Hydro Ord 151/9; Tata Power Ord 1327/8

ELECTRICS

Ahmedabad Electrics 146/14; Ajmer Electrics 10/7; Amalgamated 10/12; Bombay Suburban 165; Bombay Tram 131/4; Lahore Electrics 225; Surat Electrics 170

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock Ashdown 492/8; Associated Cements 124; Belapur 231/4; Bombay Burma New 206/4; Bombay Burma Old 505; Bombay Steam 295/10; Bombay Telephone 85/8; Br B Petrol 4/14; Burma Corporation 6/9; Dalmia Cement 9/12, Indian Bleaching 117/8; Industrial Investment Tr 60; Indian Radio Ord 485; Indian Radio Defd 475; Indian Copper 2/5; Indian Iron 39/12; Mysore Sugar 45; Port Canning 73/4; Premier Construction 79; Rontas Industries 22/8; Scindia Steam 21/10; Shivrajpur 45/8; Steel Corp of Bengal 20/8; Tata Oil 49/8; Tata Steel Ordy 378; Tata Steel Defd 2030

JUTES

Birla Jute 24; Howrah 59; Hukumchand 8/8; Kamarhatty 560; Kanknarrah 460; Lawrence 462; Reliance 62/8

LONDON EXCHANGES

London,

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON 22 POINTS UP

Sharp Recovery In Broach On Fresh Purchases

INDIAN STERLING LOAN MOVES UP

Bullion Quiet

Bombay: Jan. 24.

New York Cotton Market exhibited brighter sentiment to-day following recovery in Liverpool and encouraging Bombay cables, but subsequently reaction set in on hesitancy of operators to follow up.

Broach gained a few points on renewed speculative buying following the strength of New York cables.

London Stock Exchange continued to make a good showing. Gilt-edged securities were in good demand. Indian Sterling Loan was £90 1/4, i.e. 15 shillings better than the previous close.

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MARCH 1940

New York: Jan. 24.

Previous closing	10.50
To-day's opening	10.61
Difference	+11
To-day's closing	10.72
Difference	+22

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1940

Liverpool: Jan. 24.

Previous closing	7.87
To-day's opening	7.98
Difference	+11
To-day's closing	8.05
Difference	+18
Broach April/May Expectation	Rs. 283
Broach July/August Expectation	Rs. 293

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York: Jan. 24.

The trading in March began at 10.61, i.e. 11 points higher than the last closing. Prices advanced on higher Liverpool cables and increased trade and local support, but later the demand tapered off with the resultant partial fall March receded to 10.59.

BOMBAY COTTON
Late Trading

Bombay: Jan. 24.

In the local market Broach A/M after opening at Rs. 277 sharply rose to Rs. 283/8. The price again dropped to Rs. 279, but closed better at Rs. 281.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: Jan. 24.

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange:—

March (10.72/72) 10.61/61
May (10.43/40) 10.34/33
July (10.04/02) 9.94/91

Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool: Jan. 24.

American January (7.88)	8.03
American March (7.87)	8.02
Giza January (9.60)	10.01
Giza March (9.69)	10.10

LONDON COMMODITIES

JUTES

London: Jan. 24.

Dundee January (£58) £58
Lightning January (£56) £56

SEEDS

Castorseeds February March (£22 1/2 quoted) £22 quoted.
Linseed Calcutta February March (£20 3/4 quoted) £20 1/4 quoted.
Linseed La Plata February (£15 5/8 quoted) £15 9/16 quoted.
Groundnuts Coromandal February March (£14 3/4 quoted) £14 3/4 quoted.

RUBBER

Spot (12d paid and value) 11 7/8d paid and value
Forward April June (11 7/8d paid and value) 11 11/16d paid and buyers.

METALS

Tin (£232 buyers; £232 1/4 sellers. Irregular). £232 3/4 buyers; £233 sellers. Steady.
Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62
Lead Foreign Cash (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (111 sh.) 111 sh.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York: Jan. 24.

Previous closing	3.97 1/4
To-day's opening	3.97 5/8

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London: Jan. 24.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T T LONDON ON PARIS

London: Jan. 24.

Previous closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's opening	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4

LONDON SILVER CABLE

London: Jan. 24.

The following cable regarding London Silver Market was received here to-day:—

Very small general buying. Market is very quiet.

LONDON SILVER

London: Jan. 24.

Spot (22d) 22d.
Forward (22d) 22d

LONDON GOLD

London: Jan. 24.

Gold bars fine per ounce (£8/8/0) £8/8/0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London: Jan. 24.

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02.50 to 4.03.50 which is officially fixed rate

Franc was officially fixed at 175.50 to 176.75

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay (13.24 5/8) 13.24 5/8
New York on Bombay (30.25) 30.30
London on Milan (78.00) 78.25
London on Shanghai (0-4 7/16 to 0-4 7/8) 0-4 7/16 to 0-4 7/8
London on Kobe (1-2 3/16 to 1-2 9/32) 1-2 1/8 to 1-2 7/32

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/8 per cent.
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent

WHEAT AND SEEDS
Latest Night Quotations

Bombay: Jan. 24.

Wheat May	4	6	9
Linseed May	8	3	3
Groundnuts February	38	0	0
Groundnuts May	41	8	0
Castorseeds May	56	12	0
Cottonseeds May	27	8	0

BOMBAY BULLION
Latest Quotations

Bombay: Jan. 24.

Silver Ready	58	5	0
Silver Posh	58	7	0
Silver Maha	58	9	0
Gold Ready	42	4	0
Gold Posh	42	4	6
Gold Maha	42	5	6
Sovereigns	27	0	0

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Speculatives Erratic

CALCUTTA: Jan. 24.

Jutes ruled steady at the lower levels and the trading was nothing but restricted. Coals were unchanged. Teas were dull and neglected. Miscellaneous speculative issues as well as other industrials displayed rather erratic market to-day. Government securities were firm.

The following are closing quotations:—

Government securities: 3 per cent new loan 1963/65 89/2 s lot; 3 1/2 per cent Government paper 92/4; 4 per cent loan 1960/70 105/8 s lot; 5 per cent loan 1945/55 110/6 odd lots.

Banks: Imperial Conty 364; Reserve 107/8 e-div.

Railways: Mayurbhanj 68, Mymensingh Bhairab Bazar (Guar) 90.

Cottons: Cawnpore Textiles 6/5; Dunbar ord 193; New Victoria 1/10.

Coals: Amalgamated 30/4; Bengal 385; Dhemo Main 18/10 (4303/5); Dhemo Main 18/14; Equitable 39.4.

Jutes: Adamjee 26/12; Agarpara 29/2; Alliance 302; Anglo-India 422; Auckland 243; Bally 251 s lot; Barnagore 138; Budge-Budge 380; Champdany 195 s lot; Cheviot 234; Clive 23/13; Ft. William 285/4 s lots; Gourepore 756; Howrah 59; Hukamchand 8/4; Kamarhatty 550m Kanknarrah 450; Kelvin Pref 157; Lansdowne 180; Lawrence 475; Naskarpara 18/4; National 25/10; Northbrook 134; Nuddea 73; Orient 221; Presidency 6/3; Standard 360; Union 490 s lot.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corporation 6/13; Indian Copper 2/6; Dalmia Cement 10 s lot; Benares Elec 12/12; Bengal Telephone ord 15/12; Mozafferpore Elec 10/8; Burn and Co ord 359; Indian Iron 40/12; Steel Corporation 21; D T Pref 100/8; B I Corporation 4/4; B I Corporation Pref 165 s lot; British Ceylon Corporation ord 6; Dunlop Rubber 1st Pref 135; Dunlop Rubber 2nd Pref 106; Indian Paper Pulp 140; Titaghur Paper 'A' or 'B' Ord 33/8; Midnapore Zemindary 78; Buland Sugar 15/8.

Teas: Bishnauth 27/12.—A. P.

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET

KARACHI: Jan. 24.

To-day's closing quotations:—
Cotton Sind Jan. 26/8/6; March 26/8.
Punjab Jan. 21/1/3; March 20/15/6.
4-F Desi American Jan. 29/8; March 29/6.
Tone:—Steady.
Wheat Jan. 29/4; March 29/9; July 31/0/6.
Tone:—Steady.
Gram Jan. 33/4; July 32/13.
Toria Feb. 44/11; March 46/1/6.
Cottonseed 23/1/6; March 23/6/3; May 23/14/3.

SHIPPING NEWS

IMPORTS

Bombay: Jan. 24.

166 cases cottons; 1495 boxes tin plates; 207 bundles galvanised sheets; 6050 bags soda ash; 370 cases sewing cotton thread on reels; 48 cases paper; 1571 cases beer; 420 H/hds ale; 1586 cases whisky; 700 drums Phencid; 236 cases preserves; 61 loose ranges; 1220 drums caustic soda; 191 drums aniline dye; 115 bags broken tiles; 57 pieces steel axles; 48 bundles finished cycle rims; 200 cases Muriate of ammonia; 380 loose C I cisterns; 620 drums pitch; 73 cases Brenthol; 391 pieces San Earthenware; 240 bags boiler lagging; 440 bags nails; 100 casks alizarine paste; 555 bags cut steel nails; 40 loose motor covers; 588 bundles M S hoops; 185 kegs hyposulphate of soda; 112 pieces steel tubes; 88 bundles steel sheets; 297 coils hoops; 95 loose steel plates; 400 cases machinery; 242 cases C I valves; 120 drums sodium sulphide; 80 bags carbonate of magnesia; 281 cases paint; 50 cases Formic acid; 48 drums chloride of zinc; 360 bundles copper sheets; 67 packages biscuits; 850 bundles Y M sheets; 57 bundles M S sheets; 100 D/bags salt; 100 D/bags fireclay; 46 cases washers; 252 bundles steel; 224 cases oil stores; 45 drums Wincarnis; 2551 bags rivets; 1129 bags bolts and nuts; 52 cases cigarettes; 555 cases soap powder; 85 bundles steel Glut rings.

EXPORTS

Bombay: Jan. 24.

30 bales D/s goat skins D Abraham and Sons; 1240 bags groundnut kernals G Go kalchand; 24 bales D/s goat skins Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 2682 bags groundnut oil cakes Ralli Bros Ltd; 2700 bags groundnut oil cakes exp Indo-Foreign Comm Corporation; 36 bales woollen carpets Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 9 bales wool raw Vijaysingh and Co; 18 cases bristles Tulsidas Khimji; 22 cases chrome leather tanned D Abraham and Sons; 616 bags myrabollams H Bhagwandas and Co; 1280 bags groundnut oil cakes exp Indo-Foreign Comm. Corporation; 2512 bags myrabollams R S Tata and Co; 14 bales sil waste Killick Nixon and Co; 25 bales cotton waste P D Vora and Co; 125 bales cotton waste M Chandulal and Co; 19 bales cotton twist waste G M Vyas and Co; 118 cases bristles D Abraham and Sons; 157 cases bristles B Phillips and Hayley Ltd; 616 bags myrabollams J Moolchand and Co; 100 bales tow hemp T Dawoodbhai; 100 bls raw hemp T Dawoodbhai; 100 bales cotton waste L O Vora; 42 bales cotton twist waste Jani and Co; 18 bales raw wool Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 3000 bags groundnut kernals S M Rajgor and Co; 1225 bags groundnut seed A Noormahomed; 70 bales cotton grey yarn H Abdeali; 100 tins vegetable products H Abdeali; 24 bags jardaloo H Abdeali; 25 bags kadukatky H Abdeali; 15 jottas gum H Abdeali; 10 jottas real ooplate H Abdeali; 16 packages gum A Hassam and Co; 79 bags shark fins M Ladha; 50 bags fish maws M Ladha; 28 bags fish maws R Dhanji and Co; 56 bags shark fins R Dhanji and Co; 86 bales cotton grey yarn Advani Bros; 28 cases khismiss Nanji Gordhan; 10 bales cotton G M twist H M Ghazanfer; 100 bales raw cotton Birdy and Co; 250 bales raw cotton Ramnarain Sons, Ltd; 2000 bales raw cotton Volkart Bros; 400 bales raw cotton K Devchand and Co Ltd; 100 bales raw cotton The Cotton Agents Ltd; 200 bales raw cotton Nissho Co Ltd; 12 cases chrome leather The W S Tanneries Ltd; 8 cases chrome leather Allahabad Bank Ltd; 90 bales cotton grey yarn K Virji and Co; 20 bales cotton grey yarn B Noordin and Co.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York: Jan. 24.

The following are the opening quotations:—

General Motors (dol 52) dol 52 1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 26 1/4) dol 26 1/2
U S Steel Common (dol 56 1/8) dol 57 3/4
U S Steel Pref (unquoted) unquoted

3½ P. C. STERLING LOAN

London: Jan. 24.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £89 1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

INDIAN LOANS

London: Jan. 24.

3 per cent Indian Stock (£95) £95 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£89 1/2) £90 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950/55 (£108 1/2) £108 3/4
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68 (£109 1/2) £109 3/4
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948/53 (£105 1/4) £105 1/4
5 per cent Indian Stock 1942/47 (£106 1/2) £106 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1954/58 (£99 3/4) £100 1/4

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 (£105 1/4) £105 1/4

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£74) £74 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£99 1/8) £99 5/8
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£101) £101
4 per cent Funding Loan (£110 3/4) £111 1/4
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£98 1/4) £98 5/8
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£110) £110 3/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (11-6) 11-6
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (52-1 1/2) 52-1 1/2
Hydro Electric (dol 3 1/8) dol 3 1/8
Electric Music Industry (8-6) 8-6
Princhin Johnson (18-6) 18-6
Imperial Chemical (30-4 1/2) 30-4 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary (60-7 1/2) 60-9
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1937 (£30 1/2) £32
Dunlop Rubber (28-9) 28-9
Unilever Ordinary (29-6) 29-6
Ford Motors (15-6) 15-9
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£61 1/4) £61 3/4
British American Tobacco Ordinary (100) £100
Carreas 'A' (£5 3/4) £5 7/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (120-7 1/2) 120-0
P and O Def (19-0) 19
Distillers (66-0) 66-9
Bredfords Dye (7-0) 6-9
British Celanese (6-9) 6-7 1/2
J and P Coates Ordinary (34-7 1/2) 34-10 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary (36-3) 36
Fine Cotton Spinners (6-4 1/2) 6-3
Vickers Limited Ordinary (18-9) 19-1 1/2
Inter Nickel (dol 46 1/2) dol 46 3/4
Indian Iron (60-0) 60-0

TEA SHARES

Assam (17-3) 17-3
Donaro Tea (32-6) 32-6
Empire of India (23-1 1/2) 23-1 1/2

JUTES

Barnagore (£11 1/4) £11 1/4

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (24-4 1/2) 24-3
Gula Kelampong (21-3) 21-3
Rubber Plant Inv. Trust (33-3) 33

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (36-3) 36-3
Burma Corporation (10-0) 10-0
Rio Tintos (£16 1/4) £16
East Rand Properties (50-0) 49-4 1/2
Rand Mines (£7 5/8) £7 5/8

MINE SHARES

Crown (£14 3/4) £14 1/2
Associated Portland Cement (52-6) 53-1 1/2
Trinidad Leasehold (73-1 1/2) 72-6
Sub Nigel (£10) £9 7/8
Spring Mines Split Shares (25-7 1/2) 25-7 1/2
Union Corporation (£7 3/8) £7 3/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (23-1 1/2) 23-1 1/2
Anglo Iranian (58-9) 58-9
Burma Oil (65-0) 65-0
Mexican Eagle (6-4 1/2) 6-3
Shell Transport (78 1 1/2) 78-9
Royal Dutch (£33) £33 1/4

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£39) £40
London Midland Ordinary (£14 7/8) £15
London North Eastern Def. (£2 3/8) £2 3/8
London Southern Def. (£14) £14 1/4
London Transport 5 per cent (£115 1/2) £115 1/2
London Transport "C" (£65) £65

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR DULL

Madras: Jan. 24.

The local Share Market was dull and featureless in the absence of fresh buying. Speculative shares dropped a few points in sympathy with the weakness of other markets. Engineerings remained quiet. Planting shares maintained a quiet undertone.

EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS

Indian Bank 22/8; Madras Mills 38; Cambodias 10/2, 10/4; Pankajas 93, 94; Travancore Rubbers 6/2; Chembras 3/1, 3/1/6; Tropicals 16/12; Cochin Malabars 6/10; Midlands 4/15; Nellithsnams 5/12; Mysore Tobacco 10; Trichy Srirangams 156/8; Mysore Chemicals 11/10; Steel Rollings 8/4.

GROUNDNUT AND SEEDS

Bombay: Jan. 24.

	Rs.	as.	ps.
CASTORSEEDS MAY:—			
Opening	55	0	0
Highest	56	8	0
Lowest	54	10	0
Closing	56	2	0
GROUNDNUTS FEBRY.:—			
Opening	36	14	0
Highest	37	13	6
Lowest	36	11	0
Closing	37	11	0
GROUNDNUTS MAY:—			
Opening	40	4	0
Highest	41	5	0
Lowest	40	1	0
Closing	41	1	0
COTTONSEEDS JANRY.:—			
Opening	25	9	0
Highest	24	12	0
Lowest	25	9	0
Closing	25	12	0
COTTONSEEDS MAY:—			
Opening	27	1	6
Highest	27	5	6
Lowest	27	0	0
Closing	27	5	6

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING
DATED 24-1-1940

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8.46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 75.0 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.14 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.96 inches

For correction of ship's instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Jan 24

Following a decline of 30 points in New York cotton futures, the local market was expected to open at Rs. 269 for Broach A/M delivery but the market opened very steady at Rs. 271/8 and soon declined to Rs. 262 on nervous selling. At the decline there was active covering and prices rallied to Rs. 268 and later on steadied at Rs. 267. The tone of the market was fairly steady.

Later on there was fairly active buying. There was persistent straddle covering and prices improved to Rs. 272. Liverpool market opened at a rise of 11 points and prices in the local market advanced to Rs. 274.

Later on there was some realising and prices declined to Rs. 271/8 and finally closed at 5-30 p.m. as under:—

F G M G Broach:—	
F G M G Broach April/May	Rs. 272/0
F G M G Broach July/August	Rs. 282/0
Fine M G Oomra:—	
Fine M G Oomra Dec/Janry.	Rs. 241/0
Fine M G Oomra March	Rs. 242/0
Fine M G Oomra March	Rs. 246/0
F G M G Bengal:—	
F G M G Bengal Dec/Janry.	Rs. 197/8
F G M G Bengal March	Rs. 200/8
F G M G Bengal May	Rs. 204/0

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, Jan 24

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G:—					
Bengal U P	203	201	198	195	
Punjab	203	201	198	195	
Oomra No. 3	245	243	240	237	
C P No. 1	260	258	255	252	
C P No. 2	251	249	246	243	
Broach No. 2	270	268	265	262	

American Cotton Figures

F P Bales	1939-40	1938-39
Receipts to date 23-1-40	5553000	3184000
Receipts yesterday 23-1-40	36000	6000
Exports to date 23-1-40	3723000	2255000
Stock at Ports 19-1-40	3308000	2866000
Stock at Interior Towns 19-1-40	3123000	3226000
Stock at Liverpool 19-1-40	.....	.....
Visible Supply 19-1-40	.....	7439000
Quantity in sight 19-1-40	10244000	7424000
Quantity out of sight 19-1-40	.....	5620000

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, Jan 24

Bengal Fine 200-01 January +3 1/2
Punjab Fine 200-01 January +4
C P 1 256-60 January +17
C P 2 246-48 January +9
Berar 241-42 January +3
Khandesh 230-33 January —8
Jalna Sailu 231-33
Ahmednagar 230-31
Broach 277-79 February +2
Punjab 4 F 275-79
Punjab 289 F 312-17
Sindh N T 297

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, Jan 24

Yellow metal sheets	Rs.	58	0 0
Copper sheets	Rs.	80	0 0

Tone:—Steady.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay: Jan. 24.

Yarn No.	February.	April.	June
6 1/2	143	145	148
10 1/2s.	156	159	164
20 1/2s.	216	222	225
40s.	287	289	292

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, Banking Department as on the 19th Jan. 1940:—

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Govt. of India	5,90,84,000
(2) Government of Burma	2,02,84,000
(3) Other Govt. Accounts	6,23,69,000
(b) Banks	15,95,57,000
(c) Others	1,97,28,000
Bills Payable	6,03,000
Other Liabilities	1,16,69,000
Rupees	43,33,04,000

ASSETS.	Rs.
Notes:—	
(a) Legal Tender in India	11,75,56,000
(b) Legal Tender in Burma only	13,64,000
Rupee Coin	3,68,000
Subsidiary Coin	3,10,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
(a) Internal	.....
(b) External	.....
(c) Govt. Treasury Bills	7,87,08,000
Balances held abroad*	14,05,64,000
Loans and Advances to Govts.	1,00,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	.....
Investments	7,68,72,000
Other Assets	75,62,000
Rupees	43,33,04,000

*Includes Cash and Short term Securities.

An account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 19th day of Jan. 1940:—

ISSUE DEPARTMENT		
LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	11,89,20,000	
Notes in circulation:—		
(a) Legal Tender in India	227,21,33,000	
(b) Legal Tender in Burma only	12,48,56,000	
Total Notes issued		251,59,09,000
Total Liabilities		251,59,09,000
ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—		
(a) Held in India	41,54,48,000	
(b) Held outside India	2,86,98,000	
Sterling Securities	107,50,11,000	
Total of A.		151,91,57,000
B. Rupee Coin		
Government of India Rupee Securities		38,34,78,000
Internal Bills of Exchange and other commercial Paper		.....
Total Assets		251,59,09,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 60.382 per cent.

Light Showers In Gujarat

POONA: Jan. 24.

Scattered light showers occurred in East Gujarat, South-east Rajputana and West Central India. Udaipur recorded 1/4 inch.

Forecast until the evening of 25:—Scattered light showers are likely in South-east Madras.—A. P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 24-1-1940.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours .000 inches
Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 73.0 degrees
Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 68.0 degrees
Maximum temperature during 24 hours 82.3 degrees 0.4 (below normal)
Minimum temperature during 24 hours 69.2 degrees 2.7 (above normal)
Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 76 per cent.
Direction of wind at 8 a.m. ENE
Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 6 miles per hour
Total movement of wind in 24 hours 131 miles
Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 17 miles per hour
Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 3

J. C. Setalvad Welcomes National Planning

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prosperity. During the last few weeks we have, however, been hearing of the great difficulties which are being experienced by our exporters. This naturally leads me to offer a few remarks on the position of national shipping which is one of the greatest key industries of a maritime country like India. The domination of foreign shipping in our own home waters and India's entire dependence on that shipping in her overseas trades have been resented for years past by Indians throughout the country. India's utter helplessness in this matter, however, has been brought most vividly before our mind by the present war.

Protection in every manner possible has been the privilege of a National Mercantile Marine in every maritime country having its own national Government. Shipping is, however, the only unprotected industry in this country. India needs it for its economic prosperity. India wants it for its own defence. Indian shipping is driven to desperation and has been compelled to knock at the door of British shipping and ask for favours at their hands.

It is, therefore, imperative that whenever any occasion arises for State intervention or State control or State assistance in matters affecting the shipping of this country the cause of national shipping and national shipping alone should receive paramount consideration and preferential treatment by the Government of of this land.

War Opportunity

The following are extracts from the speech of Mr. Chunilal B. Mehta, incoming president:—

The present war in Europe has thrown into bold relief, not only the helpless condition of India's industrial economy but also the invaluable opportunity that it should afford to her to get out of that desperate slough. It has vividly emphasised the dominant need of the hour on the part of both Government and the industrialists to seize time by the forelock and launch appropriate industrial ventures with courage and imagination.

At such a juncture, India can not only produce what she imported in peace-time, but she can also extend her friendly hand of co-operation to Britain and France to fill in their economic and military lacunae, provided there is enough imagination on the part of Britain and His Majesty's Government in India to grasp that cordial hand.

This is a pointer to the vast potentialities for development of railway workshops in India for manufacture of railway stores to the great gain of the country.

Speaking on the Price Control he said, "The question or problem that has most attracted public attention at present, is about the Price Control. One of the immediate results of the war has been to bring about a rise in the price of various commodities."

RUPEE EXCHANGE

The Indian agriculturists were completely ignored during the decade when the depression lasted.

The fixing of the Rupee Exchange in 1927 at 16d. sterling brought in its train a great depression, and the situation has gone on worsening since that event. Raw commodities began to decline heavily in prices and no remedy could be found by either economists or bankers, or financiers or even by Government themselves. Since September 1931, when England and India abandoned Gold Bullion Standard, a continual stream of gold has been flowing out of India, the aggregate amount being about Rs. 325 crores to date. This outflow of gold was mostly due to depression and has weakened considerably the sustaining capacity of Indians to at least five times that figure. That basis of credit of the Indian masses having disappeared, the position became very serious and critical. Though it might be cruel to say so, it must be observed that the declaration of the present war brought some economic relief. India has now the badly-needed improvement in her commodity prices, after such a disastrously long stretch of years, when she suffered through low prices. As said previously, an impression is created in the minds of the public that the Government of India may take steps, if not to bring about any fall from the present level, to check any further rise. If this prevailing impression comes true, it will have the same effect as raising the value of the Rupee Exchange.

Our sole standpoint should be that, as long as India as a whole will benefit and the large masses of our population constituting agricultural population will benefit and their purchasing power will increase, all industries and all labouring population and all fixed wage-earners will also benefit. I do not see anything wrong if wages have to be raised, if the industry gets its benefit from the increased purchasing power of the masses. Let me be a little more clear. At present all industries which have Army orders such as jute, steel, etc., have already begun to get the advantage from war orders and as such they can easily afford to raise wages suitably. There are other industries, such as Textile, which have to rely on the increased purchasing power of the masses and which have not yet fully begun to show good results. But once the good effects of higher commodity prices begin to make themselves felt among the agriculturists, those industries are sure to show very good results. Let me also make it clear that I am not against any check against undue profiteering or speculation.

DEFECTS OF PRICE REDUCTION

Mr. Manu Subedar speaking on the report referred to the price control measures by the Government of India. He criticised the interference of the Government with regard to prices. One defect, he said, of the reduction of prices in India by the Government, would be not only Great Britain but also the Allies would get India's raw materials very cheap. He did not grudge Indian help to Great Britain in this crisis but he was opposed to the Government's interference with prices which apart from Great Britain was beneficial to the Allies. This interference meant that India would not derive the benefit of competition, which he considered extremely wrong.

PRICE CONTROL CONFERENCE

Referring to the forthcoming Price Control Conference, he said that "the gentlemen" invited to participate in it, represented nobody except themselves. The Conference was not representative of the popular opinion, but of the Government of India and to some extent of the Bengal and Punjab Governments. The Chamber should raise its voice against it.

He concluded with the hope that India would emerge out of the crisis economically stronger and materially more prosperous.

Mr. Sarabhai Pratapraj and Mr. Pranlal D. Nanji also spoke.

The annual report was adopted at the meeting.

THE NEW PLEDGE

(Continued from page 6.)

view the pledge is a real test of the intensity of feeling for the cause of independence. Congress expects from us that we use Swadeshi goods even though it causes some inconvenience. Are we not prepared to undergo even that little suffering? If we are not the talk of Swaraj is useless.

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Its relation to non-violent action is difficult to understand. A successful non-violent action needs, as we have said, the sympathy of the majority. In so far as this is achieved by the khaddar programme it is related to the creed. Secondly Ahimsa is nothing if it is not freedom from exploitation. Charkha in the sense is really a symbol of Ahimsa It does not necessarily mean that we should always have these primitive means of production. We must necessarily work for the industrialization of the country. When the way to that process is cleared no one can stop it. Till then Charkha is not inconsistent with our ideal of socialized production. Hence I think that Gandhian programme is not out of date, as we think it to be, but there is no doubt about the fact that our programme is much ahead of its time and hence unreal to some extent. This does not mean that it is entirely useless. I am simply emphasizing the necesity of supplementing it with some kind of constructive programme which will be useful to widen our base.

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Some people think that to take this pledge is to renounce our faith in the socialist ideal. I do not think so. Nor do I think that this is a deliberate move to oust the Leftists from the Congress. Gandhiji wants to make us think and he has compelled us to think (that way). He believes in our sincerity and honesty. He is also sure of the correctness of his programme and hence he hopes that by making us think he will be able to convince us. I think there is no harm in taking the pledge. If we refuse to do so we shall be committing the same mistake which the communists committed in 1930.

POLICE OFFICER OPENS FIRE

Sequel To Mill Worker Running Amuck?

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Dakhtya Bhagya, a mill worker residing at Dhobi Chawls, De Lisle Road, Bombay, it is alleged, got infuriated with his wife Taibai this evening and attacked her with a chopper.

Hearing the woman's screams neighbours ran to the spot and saw her being hacked mercilessly and struggling with her husband. Being unable to rescue her the people who watched this gruesome tragedy informed the De Lisle Road Police.

The Police immediately rushed to the scene and attempted to apprehend the alleged culprit who resisted arrest by waving the chopper at the officers and throwing at them any missiles that came handy.

POLICE OFFICER ON SCENE.

Realising that the man had completely run amuck and unless a stop was put to his ferocious career he would constitute a menace to public peace, a Police Sub-Inspector fired two shots at him. The man, it is stated, was killed on the spot.

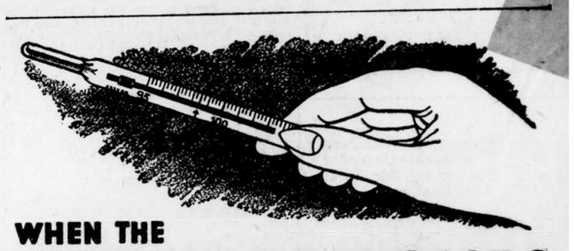
The woman was removed to the K E. M. Hospital, where her condition is stated to be precarious.

Surat Delegates For Ramgarh

(From Our Correspondent)

SURAT, Jan. 22.

Messrs. Ishverlal Desai, Jyotsna Shukla and Chimanlal Chinoy have been elected delegates for next Session of Congress on behalf of Surat City. From Bulsar, Mr. Morarji Desai, Secretary, Gujarat Provincial Congress Committee has been elected with one other candidate Mr. Gopalji.



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BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagement

To-day

Hindu: Posh Shud 15, 1996
Muslim: Jilhaj 14, 1358
Parsi: Amardad 22, 1309
Hightide: 0-12; 12-05
Lowtide: 6-18; 18-10
Sunrise: 7h. 15m.
Sunset: 6h. 28m.

Corporation meeting: 3 p.m. (B.T.)

FRIDAY: Jan. 26

Haj Committee: 5 p.m. at Haj Committee Office.

SATURDAY: Jan. 27

Standing Committee: 2-30 p.m. (B.T.)

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL TRADE UNION CONGRESS

An urgent meeting of the Council of Action to secure War Allowance will be held to-day (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Servants of India Society's Hall.

Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—"Mr. Moto in Danger Island." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Hotel For Women." 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Ninotchka." Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Dust Be My Destiny." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Nurse Edith Cavell." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"My Beloved." Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Daughters of India." Daily at 4-15, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Kangan." Daily at 4, 7 and 10
NEW WEST END—"The Will" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Pukar" Daily at 4, 7-30 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Jawani-ki-Reet" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Ghazi Salahuddin" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Achhut" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Admi" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"On the River." Daily at 4-15, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.

GANDHI SEVA SENA

The following programme has been fixed up by the Gandhi Seva Sena for the Independence Day:—4 p.m. (S. T.) Spinning at the office of the Gandhi Seva Sena, Adenwalla Mansions, Chowpatty Seaface. Thereafter Sevikas will join the procession starting from the Congress House. All the Sevikas are requested to come in Kesaria.

"B" WARD D. C. C'S INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAMME

6 a.m. (S.T.) Prabhat Phery from the Committee's office. 8 a.m. (S.T.) Flag Salutation at Bhat Bazar, near Fountain. Smti. Lilavati Munshi will hoist the flag and address the gathering.
3-30 p.m. (S.T.) Independence procession from the Committee's office by way of Musjid Bunder Road, Zaveri Bazar and Bhuleshwar where it meets the procession of the B.P.C.C. and go to Azad Maidan meeting.

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS

The General Secretary, Bombay National Guards, writes:—

"All the cyclist members of the Bombay National Guards are required to be present at the Museum Gate, Fort, to-morrow (Friday) at 6-30 a.m. to take part in National Guards Independence Day Cycle Procession. The route will be:—Starting from Museum and passing through Bori Bunder, Crawford Market, Princess Street, Kalbadevi, Bhuleshwar, C. P. Tank, Prarthana Samaj, Girgaon, Opera House, Chowpatty, reaching Chowpatty by 8 a.m.

MARWARI SAMMELAN'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

Under the auspices of the Marwari Sammelan "Independence Day" will be observed at the "Vidya Bhawan" Fanaswadi Rd., to-morrow (Friday) at 8-30 a.m. when Sjt. K. M. Munshi will hoist the Tri-Colour flag and the national song would be sung by the students of the Sitaram Poddar Balika Vidyalaya.

INDEPENDENCE DAY AT KHAR

On Friday (to-morrow) the Prabhat Pheri will start at 7-30 a.m. from the Circle and will end there at 8-30 when the ceremony of the flag salutation and the taking of the pledge will be held.

BHULESHWAR CONGRESS COMMITTEE'S FLAG SALUTATION

There will be a flag salutation at 8 a.m. at the hands of Mr. K. M. Munshi at the Bhuleshwar Ward Congress Committee's office to-morrow (Friday).

MARWADI STUDENTS' UNION

The Marwadi Students' Union has decided to celebrate the "Independence Day" tomorrow (Friday) and has chalked out the following programme for the same:—

A procession will start at 6 a.m. (S.T.) from Vidya Bhuvan, 1st Fanaswadi, and after passing through the different localities of the city will terminate at the place of origin into a huge meeting. Eminent speakers will deliver lectures there.

GHATKOPAR CONGRESS COMMITTEE

To-morrow (Friday) the Ghatkopar Congress Committee has organised a procession at 7-15 a.m.; flag salutation at 8 a.m. at the hands of Mr. Mangaldas Pakvasa and a public meeting at 8-15 a.m. in the Camping ground. At 8-45 there will be collective spinning.

CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

The whole Multani Shikarpuri Shroffs' Association's business will remain closed tomorrow (Friday), being the Independence Day.

"G" WARD CONGRESS COMMITTEE

A monthly meeting of the Council of Management of the "G" Ward District Congress Committee will be held to-day (Thursday) at 8-30 p.m. in the Committee's office.

I. P. MISSION HIGH SCHOOL, SURAT

The Centenary celebrations of the I. P. Mission High School, Surat, will be held in the first week of March, 1940

HINDUSTANI NATIVE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION

The office of the Association as well as the business of its members will remain closed to-morrow (Friday) on account of Independence Day.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

Under the auspices of the Reserve Bank of India Employees' Association, Mr. K. G. Ambegaonker I.C.S., officer-in-charge, Agricultural Credit Department, will deliver a lecture on "Reserve Bank and Agricultural Credit" at the Bank's Counter Section of the Bank, to-day (Thursday), at 5-30 p.m.

SARASWAT SCHOLARSHIPS LUCKY NUMBER SWEEP

The results of the Lucky Number Sweep organised by the Grand Saraswat Brahman Scholarship League have been announced. The Hon. Secretary requests all holders of tickets which have come out as the winning numbers should see the Treasurer at Patel Chambers, 4th Floor, Sandhurst Road, before April 21, 1940.

ROBERT MONEY SCHOOL

The annual athletic sports of Robert Money School will be held to-day (Thursday) under the presidentship of Mr. V. N. Chandavarkar.

AKALI DAL

Mr. Pratap Singh, President of the Akali Dal, writes:—

The Akali Dal, Bombay, has decided to participate in the programme arranged to be carried out under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, in observance of "Independence Day" to-morrow (Friday).

MOMAN TAXI DRIVERS' HELP TO TURKISH RELIEF FUND

The Moman hotel and taxi owners have got 40 hoteis and 100 taxis under disposal and they have decided to contribute their all income of one day (to-day, Jan. 25) to Turkish Relief Fund.

MR. P. BALU'S LECTURE

A public meeting will be held to-day (Thursday) in the Maharashtriya Arya Samaj Hall, opp. B.B. and C.I. Rly. Workshop, Lower Parel, at 7-30 p.m. when the famous cricketer, Mr. Balu Babaji Palwankar will deliver a lecture on "Regeneration of Society."

BOMBAY GEOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION

Under the auspices of the Association Prof. C. P. Budhrani will give a lecture on "The Place of Home Geography and the Lines of Attacking the Problem," in the Demonstration Hall of the Secondary Training College, Bombay, to-day (Thursday) at 5 p.m. Miss M. D. Biddick, Vice-President of the Association, will preside.

PRARTHANA SAMAJ

In connection with the 110th Maghotsava of the Brahma Samaj, there will be Bhajan at 7 a.m., Divine Service by Mr. Y. V. Bhandarkar, at 7-30 a.m. and a lecture in English by Prof. C. P. Kar on "The Goal and the Way" at 6-30 p.m. to-day (Thursday) in the local Prarthana Mandir.

"F" WARD CONGRESS COMMITTEE

An urgent meeting of the Council of Management of the "F" Ward District Congress Committee will be held to-day (Thursday) at 7-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the office of the Committee, Wahedina Mansion, Parel, Poibavdi.

"B' WARD D. C. COUNCIL ELECTION POSTPONED

The date of the District Council elections to be fixed by the B.P.C.C. has not yet been fixed. So the date of the 'B' Ward Council election, i.e. 11th Feb., which is already announced, is postponed till the B.P.C.C. fixes the date for the same. The date and time for accepting the nomination papers will be from 23rd Jan. to 30th Jan. till 7 p.m.

ROYAL BANQUET TO HAJ PILGRIMS

(From A Correspondent.)

MECCA, January 24.

The Haj pilgrimage has come to a successful conclusion, about 7,000 Indians participating.

The King gave a banquet to a select gathering representing all countries and exhorted his audience to be upright and be true to Islam.

The King bathed at the Holy Kaaba which was dressed with a new 'cover'.

Government House News

The All-India Girl Guides' General Council meeting was held at Government House.

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley gave a lunch party at the Race Course. The guests were:—H. H. the Yuvaraj of Mysore, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Harrison, Mr. A. A. Jasdenvala, Mr. and Mrs. Camar Tyabjee and Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Thornely.

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley attended the Hospital Day Race meeting.

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley gave a dinner party at the Yacht Club. The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley afterwards attended a Massed Tattoo.

Run Over By Lorry

Ranchoddas Nichalbhai (50), was run over by a motor lorry while he was walking along Queen's Road, near the Muslim Cemetery and it is learnt was killed on the spot on Wednesday evening.

PLIGHT OF SWASTIK OIL MILL WORKERS

(BY ZULMIRAM CHOUDHURY.)

In the north of Bombay, far away from the City, are employed between 600 to 700 workers in the Swastik Oil Mills Ltd., who are suffering untold hardship and misery not only in the matter of wages, but also in the matter of working hours, leave, weekly rests, etc. Originally, when the mill started working, there was no worker, who was paid less than a rupee a day.

Gradually, a process of reducing wages started with the result that at present the lowest wage is annas six and highest, annas twelve a day. With the exception of Gas and Ghee Refinery Departments, which work continuously for eight hours without any recess period, others work nine hours with an hour off for meal. The employees of the Refinery Department, it is alleged, do not get weekly rests and are required to work continuously for fourteen days and get off only on alternate Sundays.

Leave constitutes a break in the service. On return, the job depends upon the will of the management. Men are discharged without any notice or pay in lieu of such notice.

Since the outbreak of the War the mill has increased the prices of its products. Ghee per tin has gone up to Rs. 18 from Rs. 8, oil is gone up to Rs. 5 from Rs. 2-14 per maund and soap has gone up by Re. 1 per case, but there has been so far no inclination on the part of the management to give war allowance to the workers.

With a view to organise themselves into a Trade Union, the workers held a few meetings during the last week. The Management did not like this and threatened to dismiss those attending meetings. Those suspected of active participation in those meetings have been transferred to different kinds of work, where they are being harassed. The workers are, however, determined to form a Union and have elected a Provisional Committee to do the needful for the present.

Khatau Mill Dispute Settled

The arbitration proceedings in the Khatau Makanji Mill Dispute were held on the 8-1-40. The following is the substance of the award given by the Arbitrator:—

1. The two of the three dismissed workers are to be taken back in their old places and the third worker to be absorbed in the mill.

2. The number of pieces to be folded by the workers should be 185 folds per day per worker on the average of six days with a provision that in case of the difficult sorts or any other difficulties involving lower production on the part of the workers, they should write the cause in the daily reports and get them counter-signed by the office manager, for separate consideration for that day.

Here it is to be noted that workers had agreed to the average of February and March, 1939. The 185 pieces of folds per day per worker was the average of normal and easy sorts and hence the workers got the protection for difficult sorts by a separate provision.

The Millowners' side was represented by Mr. D. B. Katrak the Manager of the mill and Mr. R. G. Gokhale, the Labour Officer of the Millowners' Association. The workers' side was represented by the Government Labour Officer and Messrs. G. D. Ambedkar and K. K. Khadilkar of Kamgar Seva Sangh.

High Court

JURISDICTION OF COURT QUESTIONED

Mortgagor An Agriculturist

(BEFORE THE HON. MR. JUSTICE SOMJEE)

Dayalji Girdhar and Ors.—Plaintiffs.

v.

D. R. Rana—Defendant.

This was a suit for sale as well as for a personal decree under an Equitable Mortgage dated 26th September 1935 for Rs. 1,10,000 in respect of a property at Dadar. The plaintiffs are the trustees of the original mortgagee—one Tribhowandas Girdhar (since deceased). The defendant contended that he being an agriculturist, the Bombay High Court had no jurisdiction to try this suit because it included a prayer for a personal decree in case of there being deficit on sale. Such a suit must be tried by the Court of the place where the defendant resided, i.e., in Broach.

For this contention, counsel for the defendant placed reliance on section 11 read with section 3(w) of the Dekkan Agriculturists' Relief Act of 1879. He argued that the Court should not split up the prayers and deal only with prayers (a) and (b) (which related to a declaration for the amount due at the foot of the mortgage, and to an order for sale of the mortgaged property, respectively) and say nothing with regard to prayer (c) for personal relief. If the Court adopted this course it would be deemed to have impliedly refused the personal relief which was asked for but not expressly granted by the preliminary decree.

The learned Advocate-General for the plaintiffs contended that prayers (a) and (b) should be dealt with now and thereafter the suit should be referred to the Commissioner. Even if by reason of the Commissioner's report the defendant is later on held to be an agriculturist the inquiry into prayers (a) and (b) will not be futile. For this, authority was to be found in the judgment of Sir John Beaumont in Essa v. Khatizabai (33 Bom. E.R.13). In any case by adopting this course, prejudice can result to the plaintiffs alone and they are prepared to face it in order to avoid delay.

Mr. Daphtary:—"The legal sense of my client will be offended if this is done". (Laughter.)

JUDGMENT

His Lordship ordered that the suit be referred to the Commissioner to take accounts of the agricultural and non-agricultural income of the defendant for a period of three years prior to the suit. His Lordship remarked that otherwise it would "lead to unlimited complications". Costs and further directions were reserved by the Court.

Mr. M. C. Setalvad, the Advocate-General, instructed by Messrs Rustomji and Ginwala appeared for the plaintiffs.

Mr. C. K. Daphtary instructed by Messrs Harilal Thakar and Co., appeared for the defendant.

THIRD M. B. B. S. EXAM. RESULTS

The following are the results of the Third M.B.B.S. Examination held in December, 1939.

Pass:—Nos. 4 9 12 15 20 24 38 43 48 52 54 60 71 74 75 76 78 79 82 90 93 94 96 97 98 102 103 108 110 111 112 114 119 120 123 128 129 136 143 145 147 149 150 156 161 162 177 188 189 190 194 196 199 201 203 208 209 212 214 215 216 222 228 232 234 237 243 244 248 252 253 254 255 256 257 261 262 264 265 267 268 269 270 272 273 274 275 276 277 278 279 280 281 282 283 284 285 286 287 288 290 291 292 293 294 295 296 297 298 299 300 301 302 303 and 304.

Passed with Distinction in Pathology No. 90. 97; in Forensic and Preventive Medicine Nos. 54. 97 in Surgery No. 97, in Ophthalmology Nos. 4. 12. 15; in Midwifery Nos. 74, 90, 97.

Passed in Group A only:— Nos. 3 11 19 70 130 170.

Passed in Group B only:—Nos 10 28 30 33 35 37 44 47 56 57 59 64 65 73 77 81 99 118 127 135 and 137

Scholarship, Prizes and Medals have been awarded as under:—

The Charles Morhead Prize, the Balkrishna Sudamji Prize, the Viceroy's Silver Medal, the Scholarship of the Medical Women for India Fund, the Lady Reay Silver Medal, the Bai Hirabai Pestonji Hormasji Cama Gold Medal to No. 90.

The Lord Sandhurst Gold Medal and the J. C. Liboa Gold Medal to No. 97.

TThe following are the results of the M.Sc. examination in French and German Translation Test held in January, 1940.

M.SC. EXAM.

Pass:— Nos 1 2 3 4 5 6 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 and 29.

BOMBAY STREET LIGHTING

Eight Years' Contract With Gas Company?

A proposal for 8 years' renewal of the contract with the Bombay Gas Co., Ltd., for street-lighting by gas was sanctioned, subject to the approval of the Corporation, at a meeting of the Standing Committee, on Wednesday.

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BOMBAY: THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1940.

WAR AND INDUSTRY

At the annual general meeting of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, held on Wednesday, both Mr. Chunilal B. Mehta, the new President of the Chamber, and Mr. J. C. Setalvad, the retiring President, rightly stressed the need for systematic and rapid industrialisation of the country, particularly in view of the situation created by the war. The war "has thrown into bold relief," said Mr. Mehta, "not only the helpless condition of India's industrial economy but also the invaluable opportunity that it should afford to her to get out of that desperate slough." It is, indeed, the duty, as Mr. Mehta added, of both Government and the industrialists "to seize time by the forelock and launch appropriate ventures with courage and imagination." If Government move in this matter earnestly and promptly enough, it will be to the advantage of Britain as well as of India, as the latter can export to the former many of the commodities which are needed for the prosecution of the war. Indian industrialists have repeatedly pointed out to Government the potentialities for the development of railway workshops in India for the manufacture of railway stores and for the production of heavy chemicals, essential for many industries. But it is impossible for the industrialists to undertake new ventures unless they are assured the necessary help by Government. Mr. Mehta rightly drew a distinction between checking profiteering and speculation, on the one hand, and controlling prices on the other hand. While the former is essential, a caution is necessary as regards the latter. As Mr. Mehta pointed out, the Indian agriculturists were completely ignored during the decade when the depression lasted and "though it might be cruel to say so, it must be observed that the declaration of the present war brought some economic relief" and "India has now the badly-needed improvement in her commodity prices, after such a disastrously long stretch of years when she suffered through low prices." The country should not be deprived of this relief and improvement and Mr. Mehta is right in insisting that "our sole standpoint should be that, as long as India as a whole will benefit and the large masses of our population constituting the agricultural population will benefit and their purchasing power will increase, all industries and all labouring population and all fixed wage-earners will also benefit." He reminded the industrialists that there was nothing wrong if wages had to be raised when industries got benefit from the increased purchasing power of the agriculturists. In this connection Mr. Manu Subedar's indictment of the unrepresentative character of the Price Control Conference was timely.

Government And Shipping

Mr. Setalvad laid special stress on the urgent need for protection to Indian shipping. "Protection in every manner possible," he said, "has been the privilege of a National Mercantile Marine in every maritime country having its own national Government. Shipping is, however, the only unprotected industry in India." The entire Indian public will endorse his appeal to Government "to recognise the needs of national shipping in India's own interests and adopt without any delay a national policy of active help and abiding encouragement, for building up a national mercantile marine, owned, controlled and managed by Indians themselves before it is too late." Government's failure to build up such a marine so far and to make a move in that direction even now is itself a condemnation of British rule in India.

Cottage Industries

In striking contrast with the Government of India's attitude towards Indian industries is the inauguration of the National Planning Committee by the Congress. Mr. Setalvad has paid a deserved tribute to the importance and possibilities of this great undertaking and has pleaded for a due co-ordination of large scale and cottage industries. Congress has in the past actively helped such a co-ordinated scheme and will continue to do so in the future. If it now gives special help to cottage industries it is because they are too unorganised at present to help themselves without the assistance of the Congress. The large scale industries are so well established and organised that they need not distrust the special help given to the cottage industries in the villages. It should also be remembered that every intensive campaign for khaddar has enormously helped the textile mills. It is also in the interest of factory owners to add to the purchasing power of the poor producers by reviving subsidiary village industries. Mr. Bhulabhai Desai speaking at the annual dinner of the Indian Merchants' Chamber urged its members not to ignore the interests of the poorer classes and, referring to the possibility of the renewal of the struggle for freedom, pointed out that it would be criminal for the commercial community to distinguish itself as a group apart from the rest of the country in such a struggle. We trust Mr. Setalvad spoke for the entire commercial community when he said that it would not lag behind in the fight for freedom.

Public Health

The annual report of the Director of Public Health, Bombay, for the year 1938 records a disconcerting rise in the death rate of the province from 27.50 per 1,000 of the population in 1937 to 30.47 in the year under review, the increases being under all heads of causes of death except the two chief epidemics, cholera and plague. The fact that, in spite of the decrease in the epidemic diseases, the death rate has increased shows once again what recent reports have often noted that the death rate is now only slightly influenced by the epidemic diseases. The death rate was also higher in Bombay in 1938 than in any other province except the Central Provinces where it was as high as 41.07. It should also be noted that the rate in Bombay in 1938 was higher than the mean for the years 1921-30, which was 28.81 or the mean for the years 1931-35, which was 26.97.

The rise in the death rate in 1938 has not been clearly explained in the report. It has possibly something to do with the rise in birth rate from 40.68 in 1937 to 42.22 in 1938, a rate "which has exceeded all the previous records since 1901. It is noteworthy that in 1938 there were 1,32,100 deaths of infants under one year, giving a ratio of 174.16 per 1,000 registered births as against a ratio of 160.74 in 1937. The report rightly remarks: "Excessive birth-rate is undoubtedly the most important cause of high infant mortality and maternal mortality, besides being a drain on the health of the mothers and the resources of the fathers. A steady birth-rate at a level well comparable with the economic conditions of the province is desirable, instead of a high birth-rate fluctuating year after year and influencing other vital statistics adversely as at present." It is a grievous pity that in this country adequate attention is not paid to the need for birth-control by all legitimate means.

An alarming feature in the rise in the death rate in 1938 is the increase in mortality figure from respiratory diseases including phthisis. The deaths under this head were 125.618 in 1938 as against 111,487 in 1937 and 104,096, the mean of the five previous years. "The steady increase in the diseases of the respiratory system, including phthisis, is repeatedly stressed in the past," says the Director of Public Health. "The disease is spreading to the rural areas from the disseminating urban areas and the necessity of organising preventive measures on a larger scale, especially in the industrial towns which serve as centres, is apparent. More advantage should also be taken of the dispensaries and hospitals of the Government and local bodies by the public: the tuberculosis centres opened at the civil hospitals in the Province are expected to be of great benefit in tracing out the cases and preventing the spread of tuberculosis." Numerous deaths apparently due to phthisis and several other diseases are primarily due to low vitality caused by malnutrition, itself the result of poverty, to bad sanitation and ignorance of, and inadequate facilities for, preventive measures. These root causes of high mortality should be specially remedied, as also high birth rate, before the public health of the country can be at all satisfactory. Work in this connection demands wide educative propaganda and the earnest co-operation of the Government, the local bodies and the public.

Tightening The Workers' Belt

(From Our Own Correspondent)

LONDON, January 6.

These are days of retrospection. This new year is inevitably tinged with dejection since the catastrophe, which everyone desired to avoid has come upon the world. At this moment last year we were canvassing the possibilities of Mr. Chamberlain's and Lord Halifax's visit to the Duce. We had then hoped, vainly thought, that, as a result of the Rome conversations, Europe and world at large would sleep peacefully during 1939 and the years that were to follow. We had hoped that Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax would be able to spend the Christmas of 1939 in comparative peace and ease. However on the eve of the New Year these two ministers with the assistance of their other colleagues in the War Cabinet were busy engaged in drawing up a New Year present for the younger generation. On the 1st of January His Majesty issued a proclamation making liable for service in the armed forces of the Crown all men, who had reached the age of 19, but were not yet 28. Talking the same afternoon with a fellow journalist this is what a young man newly called up to defend his King and Country said:

"Far too much has happened in the days between to find its epitome in the two happenings —Chamberlain-Halifax visit to Rome and the Government's proclamation calling up several age groups of militiamen for registration at once instead of a single age group as before. But these two happenings are prominent signposts on the way we have travelled. The Rome visit proved literally a "trip" to Rome and its sights for the two statesmen and nothing more, and thereafter began the mad gallop to war, or rather wars. The Conscription Act, passed in the spring, under which the new proclamations will be made, finally wound up "appeasement", whose petition in bankruptcy had been filed at 6 a.m. on March 15 when German troops marched into Moravia and Bohemia. Memory is queerly selective. To-night (December 31), for some reason, returns the recollection of an unemployment debate in the House of Commons just before Parliament rose for the summer holiday that it never got. That humorist Mr. McGovern, of the I.L.P. speaking in that debate, referred in a parenthesis to "the war that was only adjourned in 1918." There was a good deal of laughter, some of it of a dry kind, because a good many members still did not want to believe that the war of 1914-18 was, so to speak lurking round the corner waiting to be resumed. But is not the wide acceptance of that view the biggest change that has come over British public opinion in the last few months? How many people now think of the war as being other than Germany's war of revenge for 1918—Pan-Germanism or, as the French say, Teutomanie at it again? It would be interesting to know."

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Trades Union Congress representatives on the Council of Industry have rejected Sir John Simon's plea that wages should remain stationary for the duration of war. The Chancellor stated his case at length at the fourth meeting a few days ago the T.U.C. delegates declared it was a matter for the individual unions but indicated that their general belief was that wages should keep pace with the cost of living. Unfortunately, "keeping pace" simply means running abreast of the Ministry of Labour index, which is widely admitted to be far below the actual rise in costs. If wages are to square with prices a better method of fixing the index is required. This point came up at a recent meeting of the General Council and the Ministry is being urged to speed compilation of a new index based on the thousands of household budgets collected in the past two years. But even if this is done very little will have been accomplished. For then wage increases would be granted only as prices rise. That is to say, the workers would be able only to buy the same amount of food as before, even though their money wages had risen.

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Meanwhile another attack from the City is under way upon the British workers' pay packet. Yesterday the Hon. R. H. Brand, big City banker, and "adviser" launched through the columns of the "Times," the most powerful City organ, demands which can be summed up in this sentence:— "Firstly, it is clear that the trade unions should, refrain from demanding increases of wages." The circumstances of the "orders" thus issued by the Hon. Mr. Brand, show clearly that they are intended as instructions from the Government and the City to the trade union leadership. The "orders" are issued in the midst of delicate negotiations between the Government and the T.U.C. They are issued at a moment when no less than 2,750,000 wage owners—Civil Servants, engineers, miners, railwaymen, and transport workers—are already engaged in negotiations for increased wages to meet the soaring cost of living. The "Times" article represent a new and still more drastic and menacing phase of the campaign to "tighten the workers' belt." The campaign started in the columns of the City press. It was heavily supported by the Liberal "Economist." Mr. Keynes weighed in—through the "Times"—with his compulsory savings scheme. After all this preparation of the ground came Sir John Simon, officially demanding that wages should not be permitted to rise equally with the cost of living. And now the City has started unmasking its big guns. For what is now being demanded through Mr. Brand goes further than even Keynes, even Simon, had so far dared to demand.

The New Pledge

(BY A CONGRESS SOCIALIST.)

II.

Gandhiji has laid stress on charkha and we find that it has served some useful purpose. Once we admit that, we cannot escape the argument that it has some connection at least, with the national struggle. Why it is that it has proved useful? Is it because a person like Gandhiji has placed it before the nation that the people have taken it favourably? Or has it any potency of its own? Can a person make his own fads so popular (and that for such a long time) without any regard to the environment? He might succeed for some time but not very long.

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Charkha is out of date if industrial progress is assured but it is denied under the rule of British Imperialism. The idea of Swadeshi appeals to the people. A peasant can easily appreciate the argument that foreign domination deprived us of our means of production. The idea of mill-cloth does not readily appeal to him. Moreover the peculiar conditions wherein we live must be reckoned with. Our struggle essentially is a moral struggle and our issue a moral issue.

By insisting on khaddar cloth Gandhiji successfully appeals to the moral sense of a man. The basis of the national liberation movement is and ought to be moral if it is to succeed. That moral basis is supplied by our deep dislike of injustice and exploitation. From that point of view khaddar appeals more to the moral sense of man than the mill-cloth. Moreover it is hundred per cent Swadeshi. Everything remains in India.

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Once we admit that for a successful struggle the sympathy and indirect assistance of the majority is essential we must find out the way to enlist that sympathy. Is charkha useful for this? By his insistence on the constructive programme Gandhiji has succeeded to a great extent in placing his own men in various localities. It is asked whether these men are in any way useful for the national struggle?

Do they join the struggle when it comes? It is true that all of them will not join it but it cannot be denied that some of them will be our living newspapers, our spokesmen who will always put in a good word for us when we are unjustly criticised. If they were to follow some other vocation it would have been difficult to keep them in this line. To-day they feel and rightly so that they belong to the same family as ours. Hence for these handful of Gandhiji's followers who form the regular fighting force, the charkha has created some roots in the society. Harijan Sangh also serves the same purpose together with the higher purpose of removing untouchability. But this cannot be expected to become self-supporting as the charkha. Indeed, its importance for the struggle is very great; but that comes from the fact that our struggle is a moral struggle and that we cannot do injustice to others if we want to claim justice for us.

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The great drawback of our movement, I mean the Leftist movement, lies in our inability to create such social roots for us. We can be either full time revolutionaries or we have nothing to do with it. We cannot all of us become full-timers for want of funds. Thus we advise our young men to seek a job for their maintenance. The job cuts him away from us and gradually he is lost to our cause. It is not so with the person who maintains himself by working in the Charkha Sangh. By appealing to the sentiment of Swadeshi Gandhiji has succeeded in creating a market for khaddar.

The best that we can do is to promote Swadeshi. Regular spinning will help to maintain the intensity of one's feeling in the matter of Swadeshi. No one can say that he cannot do it for want of time or money. If a person spins regularly and then goes to market to make some purchases he is bound to be particular about Swadeshi. If he is not, why should he spin at all? He has willingly imposed that discipline upon himself because he is sincere in his love for the ideal of freedom.

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We have enough experience of how it is difficult to get money for the maintenance of our full-timers. Those who do not agree with Gandhiji's charkha programme should do something for the promotion of the other programme. But the experience is that they never do anything of the kind. From this point of

(Continued on page 4, column 6.)

Frankly Speaking

A German Denial

Germany denies the report of a Russian-German deal, whereby the oilfields of Galicia in Soviet occupied Poland will be handed over to the Reich in return for Nazi military aid against the Finns. It is quite likely that no such deal has been concluded. Involved in a war on an unexpectedly large scale in Finland, Russia herself needs all the oil that she can control. Moreover, petrol is the most vital necessity of a nation's life both in war and peace. But if Galicia is not handed over to Germany, she cannot establish a common frontier with Rumania. And she cannot, therefore, invade the Balkans except through Hungary in which case she collides almost headlong with Italy, or through a joint Russo-German drive when too Signor Mussolini threatens to come in. Meanwhile, it will be interesting to know if the Berlin denial seeks to insinuate that the Nazis do not intend to go beyond benevolent neutrality towards Russia so far as the Russo-Finnish war is concerned.

Japanese Indignation

Evidently the British have caught not 22 Germans on board the *Asama Maru* but a Japanese Tartar. Rightly or wrongly Japan has worked herself up into a state virtually of explosive indignation over this outrage on the Celestial Empire and "the soul" of its people. What the British will do to save themselves from a worse doom than loss of trousers is not yet clear. But why has Japan decided to discover in the British action if not a *causus belli* certainly a cause for grave bellicosity? The answer, we think, lies in two factors of the present situation in the Far East. The Japanese peace offensive has failed and China has proclaimed her intention of driving the invader out of the country by force. The war, which has already taken a heavy toll of Japanese life and resources, must, therefore, drag on. Bad enough as the prospect is, it has been rendered worse by the U.S.A. The Japanese probably feel that to defeat these two adverse developments she should bully Britain into supporting her in respect of her campaign in the Far East. The success of her move will, however, depend upon America. If the U.S.A. mean more than the mere protection of its own interests by the demand that Japan should change her policy in the Far East then the Japanese move is bound to fail. The next few days ought to settle the issue.

Paderewski Returns

The call of his nation has brought the aged Paderewski out of his retirement. Years ago he forsook the piano to serve Poland. To-day he has forsaken well-deserved and necessary rest in the service of the same cause. His speech to the National Council of the Polish Republic, which has been formed in France, is reported to have moved his fellow-members. It will also move the millions of the celebrated musician-statesman's admirers all the world over. Particularly welcome was his criticism of the last Government of Poland. There are many who will receive it with a sense of relief that the new Poland, which is certain to raise, will not be Beck's Poland.

Herlzog's Pacifism

There are pacifists and pacifists. But General Hertzog, we fear, belongs to the category which does not command sympathy. Only a very brief summary—and that too probably biassed—of his speech in the Union Parliament is available. But it suffices to show that the sentiments which move the gallant General are not exactly humanitarian. We may sympathize with his anti-British prejudice. But no anti-British prejudice can justify General Hertzog's really amazing faith in Nazi Germany's ambitions and objectives. The General, of course, is a racial fanatic. He believes in the divine right of Whites as against the coloured as Hitler believes in that of the 100 per cent Nordic Aryans as against Jews and the rest. There is thus an important fundamental trait common to both. But what is noteworthy is that this trait dominates even over General Hertzog's South African Imperialism. For he knows better than any one outside South Africa that one of the main objectives of Herr Hitler is to win back. Germany's lost Empire. And that is possible only at the expense of South Africa's "Empire"!

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Amusement is to the mind what sunshine is to the flowers.

If a penniless man has nowhere else to go he should go to work.

Job was a patient man, but there is no record of his ever having put a tooth-cutting baby to sleep.

"Like father, like son", says the old saw. But a girl may like the son without having any use for the old man.

The longer a man lives in a community the more money his neighbours owe him—or the more he owes his neighbours.

A man recently sought divorce because his wife refused to talk to him. Some men haven't sense enough to leave well enough alone.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

If, however, it should prove that the Rumanian authorities are adopting the measure as a method to give Germany an immoderately large portion of Rumanian oil supplies, it is manifest, says Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent, that this country and France could not be expected to continue the present policy with regard to the supply of raw materials and other products which Rumania at present draws from the Allies.

—London Message.

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"In April last year Waziristan reverted from military to political control."

—Anglo-India.

Good. Do the Waziris know too?

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The institution that is charged by the Muslim League with the task of formulating "a constitution for India acceptable to the Muslims of India" is the Foreign Committee of the Muslim League, as we learn from its Chairman, Sir Abdullah Haroon, the famous Foreign expert.

And yet there do exist people who do not know what Mr. Jinnah wants and who even suggests that Mr. Jinnah himself doesn't know what he wants.

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Yesterday the local Press carried an appeal by some alleged Musalmans of Bombay to make the Congress "Independence Day" a success as a matter of national duty.

The least that we can say is that in our considered opinion these persons have proved themselves apostates and traitors to the cause of Islam.

The Junior Colleague also authoritatively agrees.

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And Now Comrade Jinnah!

Welcoming the Qaid-e-Azam at Rajkot, the President of the Kathiawad Muslim League revealed, says an Anglo-Indian report, that Mr. Jinnah "had severed his connection with the Congress as that body had become the monopoly of capitalists and was detrimental to the interests of the poor masses."

Ladies and Gentlemen, you may hail Mr. Jinnah with yet another prefix "Comrade"—provided you remember that the Rose contnues to smell as usual and don't laugh.

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According to General Smuts, General Hertzog's speech, recommending immediate peace with Germany, "read like a chapter from *Mein Kampf*."

And why not? After all both are devoted believers in the divinity of Race.

By the way, General Smuts himself ought not to be altogether above appreciating this fact.

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The British outrage on the "Asama Maru" is declared by an ultra-Nationalist Japanese Party to be "an insult to the Japanese Empire and a pollution of the soul of the Japanese people."

Yes, it IS a soul which is polluted by the removal of Nazis and purified by their presence.

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It is reported that the Finns are using tactics adopted by Hannibal to defeat the Romans at Cannae.

Mannerheim may be justified in doing so. But is it at all wise to trace his tactics to their historical origin? Suppose Signor Mussolini withdraws his aid to the Finns in patriotic protest?

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The Paris Radio announces a serious fire in an important German Steel Works.

Confirmation, however, is still lacking whether the fire is cold fact or incendiary wish.

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An A. R. P. man knocked at the door to complain about a light.

'Where's the light?' asked the householder.

'Shining through the crack at the bottom of the door,' he was told.

'Well I'm blowed,' said the offender. 'Are they coming over on their hands and knees now?'

Will Britain Break Off From Soviet?

Chamberlain Heckled In Commons On Issue Of White Paper

LONDON, Jan. 24.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain regretted that he was not yet in a position to give a definite date for the issue of a White Paper dealing with negotiations between the British and the Soviet Governments, when answering a question on the subject.

Chamberlain's Reply

Asked by Maj.-General Sir Alfred Knox whether in view of the unprovoked aggression on Finland, Government would now break off relations with Russia, Mr. Chamberlain declared that the decision whether or not to break off relations with the Soviet Government was one that would require most careful consideration in all its aspects. It was not one to be dealt with satisfactorily in a question and answer.

Answering a supplementary question on the date of publication of the Anglo-Soviet White Paper, Mr. Chamberlain gave an assurance that the delay in the publication had not been caused by the fact that the documents were being edited in any way and that full facts would be given.

BR. SUBJECTS IN POLAND.

Asked whether there was any information regarding conditions of British subjects in Poland Mr Chamberlain said Government had news relating to a total of 74 British subjects and 268 Palestinians, about half of whom were in German-occupied territory and the remainder in the area occupied by the Soviet forces. All were believed to be suffering considerable hardship. Efforts had been made to supply those in the German-occupied area with parcels of food through the Red Cross but the German Government had refused the necessary facilities. As regards those in the Soviet area, the International Red Cross was examining the possibility of affording relief. The British Ambassador at Moscow had sent members of his staff to Lwow to organise and assist withdrawal of British subjects and Palestinian citizens and had made funds available for this purpose.—Reuter.

Japan's Retort

Foreign Minister's Notification To British Ambassador

TOKYO, Jan. 24.

Japan has notified Britain that she "is taking effective and appropriate measures of self-defence" regarding her vessels coming home across the Pacific, according to the "Asahi Shimbun" which says that the notification was made by the Foreign Minister Mr. Arita to the British Ambassador last night.

A Foreign Office spokesman stated that the holding up of the "Asama Maru" was particularly obnoxious to Japan because it took place virtually under the shadow of the sacred Mount of Fiji.—Reuter.

JAPANESE WARNING TO BRITAIN.

The Foreign Minister is reported to have adopted a "stern attitude." He told the Ambassador that should another "unfortunate affair" occur the great shock felt in official and unofficial Japan might cause most serious consequences to Anglo-Japanese relations.—Reuter.

Tokyo Asks Britain To Return Them Voluntarily

TOKYO, January 23.

Well-informed Japanese circles believe that Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs in handing the Japanese protest to Sir Robert Craigie suggested that Great Britain should voluntarily return the 21 Germans to Japan, otherwise, he is reported to have declared, the Japanese Government would be compelled to invoke the right which it had reserved and formally demand the surrender of the Germans.

It is reported that the Japanese Cabinet meeting held in the morning unanimously upheld the action taken by the Foreign Office.

"BRITAIN WELL WITHIN HER RIGHTS"

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns that part of the Japanese protest with regard to removal of Germans from the "Asama Maru" had been received in London and the remainder of the text is 'en route' from the Ambassador at Tokyo. Active consideration is already being given to the matter in London.

It is authoritatively stated that no question seems to arise with regard to the right of the British cruiser to exercise search nor with regard to the courteous and speedy manner in which it was conducted.

The emphasis of the Note seems to be that only nationals in belligerent forces should have been taken.

The British view is that Britain is well within her rights in removing technicians and skilled seamen who are useful to Germany's war effort. Other non-combatant Germans were left aboard. The precise interpretation of the International Law affecting capture of men of military age seems to be the issue.—Reuter.

Nazi Move Against Scandinavia

Large Troop Concentrations On Baltic Coast And Western Front

PARIS, Jan. 23.

Details concerning German troops' concentrations on the Baltic coast and Rumanian frontier and the Western frontier from Coblenz to the North Sea were released for publication to-night.

They state that large troops' concentrations on the Baltic coast between the Elbe and the Oder are clearly directed against Scandinavia, especially Sweden. The concentrations are particularly large east of Kiel and coincide with the calling up of many sailors from that region.

ON RUMANIAN FRONTIER

It is learnt that German troops have conducted frequent training exercises in embarking and disembarking at Kiel, Warnemuende Sassnitz. Another concentration has been formed more recently near the Rumanian frontier.

The Germans state that the troops there are to safeguard the railway but to-night statement asserts that it is certain the number of German troops which the Russians permitted to penetrate into Galacia are far greater than necessary to guard a single railway, while the threat to Rumania is accentuated by the existence of large concentration of Soviet troops along the Dniester to the Black Sea.

DR. BENES' CALL TO CZECHS

LONDON, Jan. 23.

The Czechoslovak National Committee has begun enrolment of Czechoslovak volunteers from its citizens living in Britain for the Czechoslovak army in France.

Dr. Benes has issued a proclamation declaring that it was the moral, human and national duty as well as honourable task of Czechoslovak citizens abroad to fight on the side of the British and French armies in the struggle against Germany.—Reuter.

IF RUMANIA SUPPLIES OIL TO GERMANY

LONDON, Jan. 24.

No definite news has been received in London regarding the full bearing of the new measure enacted by the Rumanian Government on the subject of control and co-ordination of oil production and refinery in Rumania.

If, however, it should prove that the Rumanian authorities are adopting this method to give Germany an immediately large portion of Rumanian oil supplies it is manifest, says Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent, that this country and France could not be expected to continue the present policy with regard to the supply of raw materials and other products which Rumania at present draws from the Allies.—Reuter.

HOLLAND OUT FOR INFLATION

HAGUE, Jan. 24.

A Bill has been introduced to revalue gold stocks of the Netherlands Bank to fix the value at 2.009 guilders per kilogram of gold against the present rate of 1647.5.

This means the raising of the total figure now shown in banks account by 221,000,000 guilders.—Reuter.

POLISH ARMY IN FRANCE

Will Shortly Have 100,000 Men, Says Gen. Sikorski

PARIS, Jan. 24.

In a speech to the Polish National Council, General Sikorski said that the reconstructed Polish army in France would shortly have 100,000 men.—Reuter.

Paderewski Elected President

PARIS, Jan. 23.

M. Paderewski, pianist, ex-President of Poland has been elected President (Speaker) of Poland's Provisional Parliament.—Reuter.

GERMANY MAY URGE NEUTRALS TO LEAVE LEAGUE

GENEVA, Jan. 24.

Germany's reply to Mr. Churchill may be an urgent request to neutrals to leave the League of Nations on the ground that the membership is incompatible with neutrality, states the Berlin correspondent of "Basler Nachrichten", who declares that this is the impression of neutral observers in Berlin.—Reuter.

Independence Day In City And Suburbs

(Continued from page 1.)

has repeated the Pledge in Hindusthani, Mr. B. G. Kher will read the Pledge in Marathi. He will be followed by Mr. K. M. Munshi who will read the Pledge in Gujarati. Mr. S. A. Brelvi will read the Pledge in Urdu. There will be "Vande Mataram" at the end of the proceedings and this will terminate the mass meeting.

Procession At 4 P. M.

The Independence Procession will assemble at the Congress House exactly at 4 p.m. (S.T.) and will start at 4-30 p.m. towards the Azad Maidan by the route already specified. There will be bands and light music with the procession. The Congress G. O. Cs. will be in charge of the procession.

At Dadar

Mr. Bal Gangadhar Kher will preside at the mass meeting at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) in the compound of the Palan Sojpal Chawls, Portuguese Church Street, Dadar. He will explain the Pledge in Marathi and then get it repeated by the audience. Sjt. Mangaldas Pakwasa will explain the Pledge in Gujarati.

Volunteers are required to be present at every function at least one hour in advance.

Bombay Seva Dal

Volunteers of the Bombay Seva Dal are hereby informed to be present at Congress House on Friday, the 26th instant at 6-30 a.m. (S.T.) in full Seva Dal uniform. From Congress House they will march in a procession to Chaupatty sands. Volunteers residing in 'F' and "G' Wards will assemble at Nappoo Hall Maidan. Flag Salutation will be performed at both the places (Chaupatty and Nappoo Hall Maidan at 8 a.m. (S.T.) by Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai and Mr. B. G. Kher respectively.

City Nationalist Muslims' Programme

2-30 p.m. (S.T.): Flag Salutation at Wellingdon Gardens, Madanpura. Sjt. Bhulabhai J. Desai, President of the B. P. C. C. will perform the ceremony and address the gathering.

After the Flag hoisting ceremony is over, the assembly will form themselves into a procession, headed by the Red Shirt volunteers.

From Madanpura the procession will proceed via Ripon Road to Old Parsee Statue, from thence passing through Bellasis Road towards Bombay Central, it will join the main Independence procession near the Imperial Cinema at the junction of the Lamington Road and Vithalbhai Patel Road.

After the mass meeting at Azad Maidan is over, the Red Shirt volunteers with their band, on their way to Bhiwandi, will pass through important thoroughfares in the city. They have been invited by the Bhiwandi Congress Committee and they will join in the torch-light procession organised by them.

Independence Day In 'A' Ward

6 a.m. Prabhat Pheries: one starting from the 'A' Ward Office at Bora Bazaar Street, and another from Colaba, terminating at Chowpatty to attend the Flag Salutation there at 8 a.m.

9 a.m. cyclists' procession starting from the 'A' Ward Office.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Button Flag selling.

3-30 p.m.: Procession starting from the 'A' Ward Office to Congress House.

At Santa Cruz

The Santa Cruz Congress Committee has decided to observe the following programme to (Friday) in view of Independence Day:—

Prabhat Pheri: At 7-30 a.m Prabhat Pheri will start from Bajajwadi, Station Road.

Flag Salutation: at 8 a.m. Prabhat Pheri will reach Saraswat Colony at 8 a.m. when the Flag Salutation ceremony will be performed in the maidan.

PUBLIC MEETING AND READING OF THE PLEDGE

At 8-15 a.m. a public meeting will be held in Vimalanand Hall, Saraswat Colony, when Shri Purushottam Kanji will speak on the importance of the new Pledge and then the Pledge will be read by the audience.

PUBLIC MEETING AT WAKOLA

At 9 p.m. (S.T.) a public meeting will be held at Wakola, near Hanuman Temple. Shri Purushottam Kanji and Pandit Shivmurti Upadhyaya will speak. Independence Pledge also will be read out in the meeting.

Goans Must Take Independence Pledge

The Secretary, Goa Congress Committee, writes:—

At a meeting of the Executive of the Goa Congress Committee it has been decided to take part in the official celebrations organised by the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee on the Independence Day.

This day has a particular significance to the Goans who oppressed under Portuguese imperialism look to the independence of India with a longing heart. The Goans have made all efforts to help the Indian National Congress and sought through every President of the Goa Congress Committee to define that Goa will not be out of the scope of "Redeemed India".

The day of the Independence of India means also the day of the Independence of Goa. The Goa Congress Committee, therefore, appeals to every Goan to join the procession that will start from the Congress House and follow the prescribed route and also to take the Independence Pledge in solidarity with other Indians at Azad Maidan.

APPEAL TO BOMBAY STUDENTS

The Secretary of the Bombay Students' Union writes.—

Under the auspices of the Bombay Students' Union meetings in schools and colleges will be held where the Independence Pledge will be taken. After that flag salutation will be held at different places. In the evening there will be a procession of students starting from Chowpatty at 4 p.m. During the daytime students will picket schools and colleges where holiday is not declared.

We appeal to all the students to participate in the demonstrations organized by the union to make them a complete success.

U. S.—JAPAN TRADE RELATIONS

Will Depend On Nippon's Attitude, Says Washington

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.

The future trade relations between the United States and Japan after January 26 when the present Treaty expires will depend on the Japanese attitude towards the United States. The State Department informed the Japanese Ambassador to this effect tonight. The Ambassador was told that the expiration of the Treaty did not imply any changes in the import duties and tonnage rates but further commercial relations would depend on developments in the Far East.—Reuter.

COUNTER-MEASURES AGAINST NAZIS

PARIS, Jan. 23.

France cannot renounce her rights under international law to take counter-measures against German activities within 300 miles Maritime security zone proclaimed by American republic, declares the official French reply to the note of the Government of Panama dated December 23 last.

The reply is on similar lines to the British reply to the protest of the United States and 20 others American Republics.

The French reply also refers to the attempt of the "Graf Spee" attack on French merchantship "Formos" and says it is clear that if such things are committed or attempted, France and Britain have a strict right to oppose them at suitable time by counter-attack and cannot be asked to renounce this right.

In order that the Security Zone might become a reality it is indispensable that the German Government should not send any more warships nor supply ships into the zone and every American Government should take effective and suitable measures to keep in its ports German vessels which would have taken refugee there.—Reuter.

Bombay Yarn Exchange To Suspend Business

"No business on the Bombay Yarn Exchange Ltd., will be done on Friday the 26th instant, that being the Independence Day".

GERMAN STEEL WORKS GUTTED

Fire Rages For 36 Hours, Destroys Rolling-Mills And Furnaces

LONDON, Jan. 23.

ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM THE GERMAN FRONTIER QUOTED BY THE PARIS RADIO A HUGE FIRE HAS BEEN RAGING FOR THE LAST 36 HOURS IN AN IMPORTANT GERMAN STEEL WORKS IN MAXHUETE, BAVARIA.

Rolling-mills and furnaces are said to have been completely destroyed. The damage hitherto runs to millions of marks. It is thought that the plant would be out of action for two or three months. It is added that the Gestapo has arrested a number of ex-trade union workers.—Reuter.

Nominations To Central Assembly

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24.

The following six non-officials have been nominated to the Central Legislative Assembly.

Raja Sir Annamalai Chettiar, Mr. Mahomed Muzzam Saheb Bahadur, Mr. N. M. Dumasia, Seth Sunderlal Daga, Raja Devkinandan Prasad and Kunwar Haji Ismail Ali Khan.

CHIANG-KAI-SHEK ASKS FRIENDLY POWERS TO COUNTERACT JAPAN'S AIMS OF DOMINATING CHINA

CHUNGKING, Jan. 24.

Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek has issued a "Message to Friendly Powers" declaring that the peace terms alleged to have been agreed upon recently between Japan and Wang Ching Wei prove that Japan has not changed her policy of conquest.

The Message says that the policy of Japan was clearly indicated as a complete military, political and economic domination over China making her a Japanese protectorate in all but name.

Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek appealed to "Friendly Powers" to take positive measures to help China.—Reuter.

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"For Classes And Masses.."

(By Our Film Critic)

"For the classes as well as the masses"! How often we come across this phrase in the film advertisements. The distinction implied in it smells of snobbery and an unhealthy superiority complex. It is a libel on the masses and hardly a tribute to the "classes"—whatever that might mean.

The idea behind this "masses and the classes" phrase seems to be that while the "classes" patronize good, wholesome, artistic films, the "masses" go in for cheap, crude and vulgar entertainment. As if money or position or power could ever be a guarantee of good taste!!!!

MANJU & MODAK in an amusing scene from "Admi", which continues to be popular at Central.

"Admi" Vindicates "The Masses"!

When Prabhat's "Admi" was released at the Central, there were many (even this writer among them!) who thought the picture was too good to be successful at the box-office. The very artistic excellence of the picture was quoted against the possibility of its making an impression on the "masses"—the average cine-goer. There were many who thought that, like "Bari Didi", "Admi" would fail to click at the box-office and few seemed to give it more than eight or ten weeks.

Five months have passed since the opening day of "Admi"! Even in its 20th week the picture is drawing so well that the Silver Jubilee week seems to be definitely assured. The much maligned 'average cine-goer' has vindicated his (or her?) good taste. In future nobody dare produce a crude and cheap picture and lay the blame at the door of the poor cine-goer.

Incidentally, I think no other film during the last five years has caused so much discussion as "Admi". It has been hailed, applauded, criticized; it has been called "progressive" and it has been called "reactionary"; its directorial innovations and symbolisms have intrigued the critics as well as the film directors. I predict that "Admi" will usher in a new era in Indian films.

"Kangan" Is Popular

Not such an outstanding creation as "Admi" but among recent examples of successful films is Bombay Talkies' current release "Kangan", now in its 13th (lucky) week at the Roxy.

That "Kangan" has certain artistic and technical qualities is generally admitted. Several of the songs are delightful to hear and hear again. Like all Bombay Talkies it is clean and wholesome. Its success, too, is a tribute to the average cine-goer.

The popularity of "Kangan" is attested by the unanimity of the box-office reports from all the places where the picture has been released. At sixteen principal cities where the picture is now running including Bombay, Ahmedabad, Delhi, Karachi, Lahore, Lucknow and Allahabad—the picture, we are informed, is reaching new popularity records.

National Significance Of "Achhut"

Marathi-knowing citizens of Bombay were responsible for the record-breaking success of "Tukaram." Now it remains to be seen if the Gujarati-knowing people are able to give "Achhut" (in Gujarati at Opera House) a comparable measure of success. The theme of "Achhut" is by itself a powerful enough to ensure the success of the picture and it has been competently put over by a group of top-notch artistes—Gohar, Motilal, Sitara, Rajkumari, Mazhar Khan, Noor Mohamad (Charlie). It is not, only desirable but essential that more and more people should see "Achhut." They will see a good, thought-provoking film and also encourage producers to take up vital, national themes for their pictures. To the 'touchables' this film will serve as a healthy reminder of their human duty and to the 'untouchables' it will be a source of inspiration.

MAZHAR & DIXIT, in a scene from Ranjit's "Achhut" (Gujarati) in fifth week at Opera House.

"STUDIO SPY" REPORTS

All The Gossip!

An evening paper is responsible for the report that Khurshid ("Sitara," "My Eyes" and "As You Please") has been signed on by Prabhat. The news still lacks confirmation, from authoritative circles.

According to the same paper "She is perhaps the first Muslim Star to join Prabhat." This is definitely not true. Nandrekar who played the lead in "Amar Jyoti" is a Muslim and only recently Zahur Raja, a Punjabi youth, has joined Prabhat.

And, in any case, I am sure that histrionic ability and not communal considerations weigh with Prabhat when casting their pictures. So, why worry?

ARUN PICTURES' "Jai Alakh Niranjan" (or "Gorakhnath") is nearing completion at the Saraswati Studios, Poona.

THE YOUNG DNYANESHWAR —as played by Yeshwant in the forthcoming Prabhat production.

BOMBAY TALKIES have completed "Azad" (starring Leela Chitnis, Ashok Kumar, Rama Shukul and Hansa). The next picture which is shortly going into production stars Devika Rani.

CIRCO PRODUCTIONS' "Laxmi" (Kumar, Maya, Bibbo) is practically complete. "Sohag" (Kumar, Mazhar Khan, Bibbo and Ashalata) and "Parivirtan" have just gone into production.

"DEFEAT" ('Main Hari') is the title of the Minerva production just completed, starring Naseem, Mayadevi, Navin Yagnik, Hari Shivdasani. "Bharosa" (Chandramohan, Sardar Akhtar and Mazhar Khan) is under production.

INDIA ARTISTS are busy completing "Bahurani" (Rose, Kishore Sahu Anuradha, Mubarak).

"NAKED TRUTH" is the intriguing title of Bhavnani Productions' new film, based on the play, "Ghosts," by the great Norwegian dramatist, Henrik Ibsen.

NATIONAL STUDIOS have acquired the services of Director Kardar who will join them after completing his pictures "Holi" and "Pagal" for Ranjit.

PHANI MAZUMDAR'S latest directorial attempt is "Doctor." (His last picture needed one). This one is only in Bengali.

"ZINDAGI," Director Barua's enw picture, starring Jamna and Saigal is awaiting release.

FIFTEEN CITIES SEE "GHAZI SALAHUDDIN"

Fifteen important cities in India, viz., Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Surat, Bangalore, Madras, Peshawar, Agra, Hyderabad Sind, Karachi, Indore, Nagpur, Calcutta, Dacca, Patna and Rangoon saw the release of "Ghazi Salahuddin" on the Bakr-Idd day. The picture is now in its third week at the local Imperial Cinema.

At Calcutta the picture was declared open by the Bengal Premier, Moulvi A. K. Fazul Huq.

THE BOY WHO BECAME A SAINT

Yeshwant, To Be Seen In Forthcoming Prabhat Picture

The cultured appearance, and quiet reserve characteristic of Yeshwant in his first screen appearance is, it seems, just the outward restraint he exercises over an energetic, mischievous boy's spirit during his hours before the camera.

His fellow actors in the new Prabhat production, "Dnyaneshwar" which is now nearing completion at the Studious, declared the boy to be "a young dynamo whirling in three or four directions at the same time."

Playing the part of the youthful Dnyaneshwar, Yeshwant astounded his directors, Fatehlal and Damle, who were completely unprepared to find him such a bundle of energy.

However Yeshwant always puts on his best manners for the casual callers that throng the Studios. He answers questions politely and concisely, and never shows the impatience to be turning handsprings or doing the various gymnastics that occupy his time between scenes. On a recent occasions when a party of Bombay film journalists was being photographed he could not help bursting out into laughter to see the newspaper men dressed in fancy headgear, borrowed from the Prabhat ward robe.

Starred with Yeshwant in "Dnyaneshwar" is Sumati Gupte, leading the cast including Shahu Modak, Bhagwat and others.

BOMBAY FILM DIARY

CENTRAL: "Admi" Prabhat Shantaram production starring Shanta Hublikar, Shahu Modak. No intelligent cinegoer dare miss it. (20th week). At 4, 7, 10 p.m. Zanana Show every Thursday, 1 p.m.

CHITRA: "On The River" starring Kumar and Sitara. (Revival).

IMPERIAL: "Ghazi Salahuddin" a Supreme production, based on a story of the third crusades. Starring Ratanbai with Ghulam Mohmed, Mazhar Khan, Yaqub, Ishwarlal, etc., of special interest to Muslims. At 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. (Third week).

KRISHNA: "Jawani ki Reet" New Theatres' entertaining film starring Kanaibala with Naiam, Nemo and Jagdish. At 4-45, 7 and 10 p.m.

MAJESTIC: "Mazi Ladki" (Marathi). Comedy featuring Jayshree, Ratnamala, etc. At 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.

MINERVA: "Pukar", Sohrab Modi's screen achievement reviving the old Moghul glory. Featuring Naseem, Chandra Mohan and Sohrab Modi. Very popular. Should be seen. (25th week). At 4, 7, and 10 p.m.

OPERA HOUSE: "Achhut". (In Gujrati), Ranjit's purposeful picture with a message, starring Gohar, Motilal, Vasantee, Sitara, Mazhar, Charlie, etc. Must Be Seen. (Fifth week). At 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.

PATHE: "Daughters of India." Featuring Anuradha, Ashiq Husain, etc. Sentimental melodrama, glorifying the "ideal" "Hindu wife." (Fifth week). At 4-15, 7-15 and 10 p.m.

PLAZA; (Dadar) : "Aulad" (Revival). At 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.

ROXY: "Kangan". Bombay Talkies' production, Starring Leela Chitnis and Ashok Kumar. Interesting, sentimental melodrama. Some good songs. Very popular. Should be seen (13th week). At 4, 7, and 10 p.m.

WEST END: "Will". Minerva production featuring Sheela, Jagirdar, etc. (Reviewed on this page).

A. I. R. PRESENTS

An All-Star Programme:

At 8 p.m. on the 31st January the Bombay Station of the All-India Radio will present a programme that is unique in as much as it will give the listeners-in an opportunity to hear all their favourites stars within an hour.

Durga Khote, Gohar, Naseem, Shanta Hublikar; Chandramohan, Kumar, Motilal, Prithviraj and Shahu Modak—these are just a few of the stars who are expected to be heard in this programme.

The feature, like all Indian films, will have a full quota of songs—sung by such favourites as Kananbala, Leela Chitnis, Saigal and Vasantee.

Comedians and character actors will not be left out, either. Among others will be heard Noor Mohamed (Charlie), V. H. Desai and Sheikh.

NATRAJ VASHI, the talented young dancer, after a successful All-India tour, will soon be seen in Bombay on the Capitol stage.

Other film personalities who will be heard include Dadasaheb Phalke, the founder of the Indian film industry and Baburao Patel President of the Film Journalists' Association of India.

The programme which is rather prosaicly titled "1939 In Indian Films" will review, in an original and vivid manner, the outstanding events of the last year in the Indian film world. Outstanding films will be commented upon and the leading film stars interviewed.

Which Four?

The Film Journalists' Association of India, it is understood, have decided to select four best pictures in their secret ballot. The picture with the highest number of votes will get the Journalists' Award for 1939 while the other three will get certificates of merit. This decision has been prompted by their desire to encourage a larger number of producers of progressive pictures

TALKING ABOUT THAT AWARD.

B. P. Acharya writes:—

The Film Journalists' Association of India, I learn, will award a bronze medal to the producers of a picture to be adjudged as the best picture in 1939, of course, by casting votes. Among the pictures produced in 1938, "Adhikar" was given the first place despite the fact that the film was not very popular and was a failure at the box-office.

This decision was hailed as very wise and unprejudiced by one and all 'intelligent' film-goers though it was an unpleasant surprise to many local producers and their admirers who expected that honour for some pictures produced in this city or province. This expectation on their part was natural because in the days gone by, many awards have been made here to certain second-class pictures, completely ignoring some other excellent pictures probably because they happened to be produced outside our presidency. There is no need to quote instances. Such awards were subjected to severe criticism in the press at the time.

The motto behind these awards is to encourage production of better pictures and hence it should be the sacred duty of the 'judges' to be impartial and to honour the deserved.

A scene from "The Will", Minerva comedy at the West End.

'Where There's A WILL....'

(By OUR FILM CRITIC)

"The Will" (Vasiyyat) is a rather depressing title of Minerva Movietone's latest production that was released last week at the New West End. It is a picture made by the studio's "junior" unit of Director, writer and artistes. Even then, after the phenomenal successs of "Pukar", this picture is a bit of a come-down for Minerva Movietone who now claim to be one of the leading production units in the country.

MILLIONAIRE AND HIS RELATIONS

The story, one believes, was planned as a comedy of situations. An old millionaire is on his death-bed, while his parasitical relatives are waiting like so many vultures to swoop down upon his property. But he disappoints them runs away into the country where, masquerading as his own chauffeur, he befriends and adopts an orphan girl, Rani. Rani comes to the city and when the relations come to hear of her adoption they, led by an unscrupulous sister-in-law, unsuccessfully plan to get millionaire declared insane. Romance and melodrama enter the life of Rani towards the end and, having discovered a lover in a young social worker, she persuades the millionaire to give all his property for national reconstruction.

In the opening scene we are shown a millionaire almost breathing his last, suffering from high blood pressure. Within a few minutes, however, we see him leaving the house and driving away at a terrific speed.

Chandrakant and Ratnamala in Arun Pictures' "Gorakhnath" now awaiting release.

There's a lot of talk against "the idle rich of the city" put into the mouth of Rani, the village belle, but the rural life as depicted by frolicking damsels and the ballet-like garba danced by gorgeously-dressed girls provides no contrast. The life in the village, we are led to believe, is all fun and merry-making.

PROVERBS GALORE

The Director-Scenarist and the dialogue-writer seem to be responsible for the production. Abdul Baqi who wrote the dialogues should get rid of his Book of Proverbs. Everyone in the picture seems to talk in parables and all conceivable maxims and proverbs are flung about regardless of their appropriateness. (It is strange that the only proverb left out is "where there's a will there's a way." Publicity Dept., please note!) The technique registers a slight advance on "Pukar" but Minerva Movietone ought to give their pictures better photography, sound-recording and processing if they are to retain the position given to them by the success of "Pukar."

JAGIRDAR'S PERFORMANCE

The dramatic highlight of the picture is the performance of Jagirdar who plays the old millionaire. If only his make-up had been better, his characterization would have been really distinguished. His diction and delivery of dialogues are particularly commendable. Sheela acts and sings well but I doubt if it is wise to cast her in the leading role. A sympathetic, subdued, secondary role like the one she played in "Jailor" is her real forte. Sunalini seems to enjoy playing the sort of role she has—a scheming, avaricious old woman—and she does it with her usual competence. A new-comer seen in the picture is Pratap who has a good personality. After he has overcome his pronounced Punjabi accents he may do well in future.

MALVIKA & PRAVENA who appeared in the Manipuri dance festival held last evening at the Capitol.

INDIAN CARTOON FILMS

To Be Released By Gavlani Bros.

Gavlani Brothers, the well-known distributors, inform us that they have secured the exploitation rights of all Devdutt Films Ltd., Calcutta, whose mythological "Rukmini" will shortly be released. They will also release Sangam Chitra's "Karna" (in Marathi) as well as the productions of Abhinar Pictures, including the veteran Mr. Baburao Painter's "Ajcha Dev" (God of To-day).

It is also interesting to note that they will also release two cartoon films "August First" and "Chandragrahan" produced by Anand Cartoons of Kolhapur. Such interesting 'shorts' will satisfy long-felt demand.

JAYSHREE as she appears in Saraswati's Marathi comedy "Mazi Ladki" at the Majestic.

MUTT AND JEFF—Well, As the Old Saying Goes, "Seeing Is Believing" By BUD FISHER

JEFF! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? THE WHOLE POLICE FORCE AND EVEN THE BOY SCOUTS ARE OUT HUNTING FOR YOU!
YOUR BED'S BEEN EMPTY ALL NIGHT! WHERE WERE YOU ALL LAST NIGHT?
REMEMBER THAT OLD SKINFLINT OF A SCHOOL TEACHER TELLIN' US THAT THE SUN GOES DOWN IN THE WEST AND COMES UP IN THE EAST?
YEH!
WELL, I HATE TO ADMIT IT BUT SHE'S RIGHT!

AGA KHAN LOSES INTEREST IN RACING

Bombay To Go Fifty-Fifty With I. H. F.

From Observer's Scrapbook

As there exists some doubt as to the relegations and promotions in the Bombay Hockey League, the information is given for those who did not follow the destinies of the teams competing in the League. The three teams that come up from the Second Division are: Young Sports, the B. B. and C. I. Railway and the H. V. M. Sports Club. Three teams have been relegated these are: The B. E. S. T., St. Xavier's College "A" and the Bombay City Police.

The following notices appear in the Racing Calendar of the Royal Western India Turf Club, Ltd.

"Owners and Trainers are hereby notified that the use of prickers on horses is not allowed."

Trainers are warned that they will be held responsible if examination of a horse, declared to start in a race, results in the finding of traces of a drug or stimulant whatever."

I must repeat what was said by Mr. C. A. Muirhead, Agent and General Manager of the South Indian Railway at a recent sports meeting. He observed, "Games are played for the formation and development of character and I would urge upon everyone to play the game for the games sake and to place renown above the prize." —Rightly spoken—Sir!

His Highness the Aga Khan has practically cut himself adrift from racing and breeding. This comes to light in the nominations for the English classic races for 1941.

Though he had nominated 40 yearlings, nearly all bred by himself, for the Derby, the 1941 entries include none bearing the great Indian owners' name. This reveals the Aga Khan's loss of interest, and what is the greater blow to racing, apparently this is to be a permanent loss to the Turf.

The Madras Christian College defeated the Victoria College, Palghat, in the Inter-Divisional Football Tournament conducted by the Madras University. The winners scored 5 goals to the Victoria College's 2—a correct index of the run of play.

A correspondent from Calcutta lets me in behind the scenes as regards the position of the Bombay Provincial Hockey Association and the Indian Hockey Federation in relation to the holding of the Inter-Provincial Hockey Tournament in Bombay—which point has now been decided.

The stand Bombay took and the demand this Province made were put before all the provinces telegraphically with a view to ascertain opinion and take the majority decision. Bengal led and most others, I am informed, did not object to Bombay retaining a percentage of the profits, although some centres were surprised, as Bombay had not raised this point when in the past the I. H. F. had asked Bengal to pay in all the profits.

I believe, the present proposal is that Bombay might be permitted to retain 50 per cent of the profits if any, that accrue from the Inter-Provincial Hockey Tournament. At least, this is the suggestion of the Secretary of the Indian Hockey Federation to the Provinces who go to form the Hockey Federation.

Presidency Hard Court Tennis

Tew & Mytton Earn Promotion Against Suntook & Contractor

Miss de Lima Betters Miss Mehta: Lalljee Prevails Against S. Kaul

The third afternoon's Tennis in Bombay Presidency Hard Court Tennis Tournament was interesting. J. E. Tew and G. L. Mytton appear to on the way to avenge their elimination in the Parsee Gymkhana Tournament.

On Tuesday playing against H. N. Contractor and A. C. Suntook they showed some return to form and won 6—3, 7—9, 6—2. Tew has settled down to his usual tennis, Mytton still delivered a faulty service. Tew's service functioned well, added to this was his accurate return of service and powerful overhead smashing. Suntook, the fine left-hander, had not sufficient support from Contractor, who was evidently off colour. Both Tew and Mytton exploited this. Contractor often faltered in his service.

Another good doubles match saw S. A. Azim and C. L. Savara beat N. R. Suvarna and C. P. Halkatti.

Miss P. de Lima had a stiff first set against her victim Miss S. Mehta (7—5). The winner played untiring tennis against a determined opponent and her splendid driving stood her in good stead. The next set closed at 6—3. I. N. Lalljee, who received a walk over from H. G. Lalla, a good Karachi player, met sound opposition when pitted against S. S. Kaul. Kaul, who was splendid in the first set, got the better of things 7—5. A gruelling second set saw Lalljee win in a set that went to 20 games (9—11). Kaul was disappointing, when the deciding phase of the match came on, and Lalljee ran out 6—1.

The following are the results of the matches played on Wednesday:

MEN'S SINGLES.

I. N. Lalljee beat S. S. Kaul, 5—7, 11—9, 6—1; E. Samukava beat M. R Row 3—6, 6—4, 6—5.

MEN'S DOUBLES.

S. A. Azim and C. L. Savara beat N. R. Suvarna and C. P. Halcatti, 6—3, 3—6, 7—5; Rasik Kumar of Wankaner and R. C. Summerhayes beat K. M. Merchant and G. L. Merchant, 3—6, 6—1, 6—4; J. E. Tew and G. L. Mytton beat H. N. Contractor and A. C. Suntook, 6—3, 7—9, 6—2; L. M. Khatau and C. M. Khatau beat Bhogilal C. Shah and B. P. Kapadia, 6—2, 6—2; E. Samukava and M. Take beat R. K. Sanghani and M. M. Velkar, 7—5, 6—3; M. M Merchant and S. W. Dukle beat M. R. Row and C. Chalau, 6—3, 7—5.

WOMEN'S SINGLES.

Miss P. de Lima beat Miss S Mehta, 7—5, 6—3.

WOMENS' DOUBLES.

Miss L. M. Merchant and Mrs. Maine beat Mrs. Kania and Mrs. W. A. Bell, 6—2, 8—6.

To-day's Matches

COURT NO. 1, 3-45 P.M.: Rasik Kumar of Wankaner Vs. R. N. Bhagvat, followed by E. V. Bobb Vs. C. P. Halkatti.

COURT NO. 2, 3-45 P.M.: E. Samukava Vs. F. Bekkevold, followed by S. A. Azim and C. L. Savara Vs. L. M. Khatau and C. M. Khatau.

COURT NO. 3, 3-45 P.M.: S. A. Azim Vs. R. K. Sanghani, followed by S. S. Kaul and N. M. Damle Vs. Rasik Kumar of Wankaner and R. C. Summerhayes.

COURT NO. 4, 3-45 P.M.: C. L. Savara Vs. M. D. Bhende, followed by J. E. Tew and G. L. Mytton Vs. H. N. Dady and K. H. Kapadia.

ON THE FIRST AVAILABLE COURT, 4-30 P.M.: Mrs. R. G. Genge and Partner Vs. H. T. Habell and Partner. Miss Leela Row and E. V. Bobb Vs. E. V. Bourner and Partner. Mrs. K. Kania and Prince Ghanshyamsinghji of Limdi Vs. Miss M. R. Kavasji and A. C. Pereira.

PARSEE GYMKHANA COURT, 3-45 P.M.: R. N. Pandit Vs. K. N. Dady, followed by R. N. Pandit and Partner Vs. M. R. Merchant and S. W. Dukle.

ISLAM GYMKHANA COURT, 3-45 P.M.: I. V. Nanavati and Partner Vs. V. D. Sirur and N. P Chandavarkar.

WORLD OF SPORT: HOME AND ABROAD

Progress Of Athletics In Bombay

(BY LOOKER-ON)

The Bombay Presidency Olympic Games, which were held at the Brabourne Stadium during the last two week-ends, proved eminently successful. If results mean anything, they clearly showed that the standard of athletics in Bombay was improving at a fast rate. Ten provincial and two all-India records were overhauled. It is satisfactory to note that every year new records are being established. If the present rate of progress is maintained there is not the least doubt that Bombay will rise to the forefront of Indian athletics ere long.

RECORD-BREAKERS.

The All-India records were set up in the Women's Broad Jump and the Men's 3,000 Metres Walk. Miss R. Salway jumped 15 feet, while B. T Karkera covered his distance in 15 minutes, 42 seconds. Excellent performances indeed! The men, who pulled down the Bombay records were J Jameson in Pole Vault, S. Lissenburg in Broad Jump, L. C. Woodlock in 100 Metres, R. Davies in 400 Metres, R. N. Utchil in 800 Metres and M. Lloyd in 1,500 Metres. And among the women were Miss M. Powell in 80 Metres Hurdles, Miss J. Race in Throwing the Discus and the Tenderfoot Athletic Club in 400 Metres Relay.

LISSENBURG PROMINENT.

Apart from the above record-breaking affairs, there were several good shows put up by the men and women competing in the various events. S. Lissenburg was most prominent among the men, winning three events, namely Broad Jump, Hop, Step and Jump and 200 Metres. Among the women, Miss Salway and Miss V. Race were equally outstanding in their favourite events. In cycling, the top places in 1,000, 3,000 and 10,000 Metres were distributed between A. R. Havewalla, G. Wilson and J. F. Amin respectively among men and Miss V. B. Griffiths led the women in 1,500 Metres Cycle Race.

PLEASING FEATURES.

The B. P. O. A. have now selected their representatives for the various events in the ensuing All-India Olympic Games which will be held in Bombay on February 9, 10 and 11. It may be confidently hoped that they will try their utmost to uphold the prestige of this Presidency against the visitors. It is worthy of note that the last Meet was conducted in a most systematic way, which points to a successful management of the All-India Games. Another pleasing feature of it was that the athletes and spectators alike evinced keen interest and enthusiasm in the proceedings throughout. This means athletics have been increasing in popularity in Bombay—indeed a good omen for the National Meet.

VICTORIA BEATS QUEENSLAND

BRISBANE, Jan. 23.

In the Sheffield Shield series of matches, Victoria won the match against Queensland by nine wickets. Queensland 244 (Johnson three for 16) and 420 (Don Tallon 154, Rogers 73 and Baker 80; Johnson four for 61). Victoria 435 for nine declared (Lee 90, Barnett 92) and 230 for one (Barnett 104 not out, Lee 93).—Reuter.

Yesterday's Races At Mahaluxmi

CHANAK WINS G. T. HOSPITAL PLATE IN FINE STYLE

(From Our Correspondent).

Supported by an attendance well up to the average for a mid-week fixture yesterday's racing was interesting if not quite so profitable to those who wagered. Gold Deposit and Chanak justified the short odds taken about them in their respective races but the other winners were always busy to back and the programme concluded with a long priced winner when Dalli al Iraq brought about a 20 to 1 shot in the Hospital Fund Plate.

The Daily Treble was correctly nominated and the lucky investor received Rs. 7.258 for his skill.

Long out luck H.H. The Maharaja of Kolhapur had a winner when Chanak captured the Gokuldas Tejpal Plate. With Britt astride the chestnut son of Greek Bachelor had his race well won a furlong from home. Lord Byron figured as runner-up and Autoland was a place getter. Unexpectedly made the favourite in the St. George's Hospital Plate Italian Bomber disappointed as he has done on two previous occasions. He was left as usual and whipped in for the greater part of the journey Improving on a recent effort Little Son scored cleverly from Merry Pass, Scotch accounting for the beaten others which included the well-fancied Abundantia and Ecstasy.

Mr. P. B. Avasia's Lord Clarion found a winning opportunity in the St. George's Hospital Plate, Division I. He owed his success to the vigorous handling of Burn for though pressed by Gold Gainer and Droichead Nua, he stayed on well to win by half a length from Pillay's five year old. Ronaldo made a poor sort of favourite and the best he could do was to finish sixth in a field of twelve runners.

Two well backed horses contested the finish of the Sir J. J. Hospital Plate. Final Dash, a 4 to 1 chance, capably ridden by Maxwell just got home from the better fancied Bell Boy, who came from a long way back to give battle to the Gwalior horse. Shermount was in the money. She is pretty useful but is no weight carrier. The Duchess, very well just now, was in the unremunerative placing. She does not quite get seven furlongs, but ought to be winning a sprint in moderate company.

There was a rare turn-up in the Hospital Fund Plate when Dalli al Iraq, comparatively friendless came along to win from another neglected candidate Fair Play who had run up placed over seven furlongs the previous Saturday. Bromley rode a well-judged race on the winner coming with a nice late run to beat Fair Play who was being hailed the winner. Ataf Beg filled a minor placing and is obviously recovering from the slight indisposition which threw him back in training.

Mr. Sion F. Nissim's Gold Deposit made no mistake in the Convalescent Plate, Division III and won without being unduly extended from Rabdan, Rafat Beg and several others. Only three years old the winner is capable of further improvement and is sure to pay her way.

Though experiencing a bad passage Lu'ayb got through to win Division II of the Convalescent Plate with some degree of comfort from Atilla another youngster who will surely credit the Kolhapur colours with a success. Sabhan Hamid ran well under a big weight and might have been closer than third had he not been obliged to make his challenging effort on the outside.

Thulfa won Division I of the Convalescent Plate in easy fashion from Bahman and Shanghai, but pulled up feelingly. He is usefully speedy and if judiciously handled should go on to better things.

THE CONVALESCENT PLATE. Division I. Distance—6 Furlongs.

Messrs. Abid H. Doctor & Basheer Mahomed's THULFA, 8-2, (cd. 8-7), Takhat Singh 1
Mr. Saleh Hassan's BAHMAN 8-2 Bola 2
Mr. Latiff Essa's SHANGHAI 8-2 Khandu 3
H.H. The Maharaja of Kolhapur's BATAL AL IRAQ 8-7 (cd. 8-12) Y. P. Devne 4
Did not run: Shatra.
Won by 4 lengths, 1½ length, 1 length.
Time: 1min. 25 3/5secs.
Tote paid Rs 58 for win, Rs. 25, Rs. 43, and Rs. 50 for places.
Winner trained by Aga Cumberally.

THE CONVALESCENT PLATE. Division II. Distance—6 Furlongs

Messrs. C. N. Permanand & Syed Fatah's LU'AYB 8-13 Jadhav 1
H. H. The Maharaja of Kolhapur's ATILLA 8-8 Britt 2
Mrs. L. Jadhav's SABHAN HAMID 9-2 Whiteside .. 3
Mr. Jarulla bin Talib's PRINCE GHANIM 8-2 Gethin 4
Did not run: Can You 8-2.
Won by 1 length, 1 length, 1 length.
Time: 1min. 24 4/5secs.
Tote paid Rs. 56 for win, Rs. 15, Rs. 13 and Rs. 15 for places.
Winner trained by Syed Fatah.

THE CONVALESCENT PLATE, Division III. Distance—6 Furlongs.

Mr. Sion F. Nessim's GOLD DEPOSIT, 8-2, Brace 1
Mr. Hamid Jamoor's RABDAN, 8-9, Jadhav 2
Mr. A. C. Ardeshir's RAFAT BEG, 8-13, Britt 3
H. H. the Maharaja of Kolhapur's ANEED, 8-2, (cd. 8-3), Burn 4
Not run: Khundil 9-2, Sheriff 8-13, Mitfa al Iraq 8-9.
Won by 3 lengths, 3/4 lengths, 1/2 length.
Time: 1 minute, 24 1/5 seconds.
Tote paid Rs. 21 for win, Rs. 13, Rs. 96 and Rs. 21 for places.
Winner trained by owner.

THE ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL PLATE. Division I. Distance—6 Furlongs.

Mr. P. B. Avasia's LORD CLARION, 8-8, Burn 1
Mr. P. R. Mehta's GOLD GAINER, 8-9, Baba Khan .. 2
Mr. G. McElligott's DROIC HEAD, 8-12, Gethin 3
Mr. P. D. Bolton's SCION, 8-3, Kassim Hassan 4
All ran.
Won by 1/2 length, neck, 2 lengths.
Time: 1 minute, 15 2/5 seconds.
Tote paid Rs. 74 for win, Rs. 25, Rs. 30 and Rs. 25 for places
Winner trained by G. A. Haji.

THE SIR J. J. HOSPITAL PLATE. Distance—7 Furlongs.

H. H. the Maharaja Scindia of Gwalior's FINAL DASH, 9-4, Maxwell 1
Messrs M. D. Petit and P. D. Bolton's BELL BOY, 9-2, Burn 2
Mr. Diamond's SHERMOUNT, 9-2, Brace 3
Mrs. Marbeth's THE DUCHESS, 8-7, Orme 4
All ran.
Tote paid Rs. 51 for win, Rs. 20, Rs. 18 and Rs. 21 for places.
Winner trained by M. C. Patel.

THE ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL PLATE. Division II. Distance—6 Furlongs.

Mr. M. S. Hakim's LITTLE SON, 9-0, Burn 1
Mr. Raza Mahomed Khan's MERRY PASS, 8-2, Britt .. 2
Nawabzada Fakrulmulk of Bhopal's SCOTCH, 8-6, Maxwell 3
H. H. the Maharaja of Kolhapur's BARNEGAT, 8-2, (cd. 8-3), Johnstone 4
Not run: Gone With the Wind 8-7.
Tote paid Rs. 90 for win, Rs 29, Rs. 26 and Rs. 25 for places.
Winner trained by E. C. Forsyth.

THE GOKULDAS TEJPAL HOSPITAL PLATE. Distance—1 Mile.

H. H. the Maharaja of Kolhapur's CHANAK, 8-2, Britt.. 1
Mr. A. Svamvur's LORD BYRON, 8-5, Brace 2
Mr. A. Higgins's AUTOLAND, 8-5, Bromley 3
H. H. the Maharaja of Rajpipla's MYTHICAL MONK, 8-12, Marrable 4
Not run: Mellanthius 8-1, Mark You 8-5.
Tote paid Rs. 26 for win, Rs. 14, Rs. 21 and Rs. 32 for places.
Winner trained by N. D. Bhosale.

THE HOSPITAL FUND PLATE. Distance—1 Mile.

Mr. Abid H. Doctor's DALLI AL IRAQ, 7-4, Bromley 1
Mr. P. R. Mehta's FAIR PLAY, 8-0, Gethin 2
Mr. G. A. Jasdanvalla's ATAF BEG, 7-12, H. Black .. 3
Mr. N. Rupchand's QUDUM AL KHAIR, 7-12, Rook 4
All ran.
Tote paid Rs. 201 for win, Rs. 58, Rs. 154 and Rs. 112 for places.
Winner trained by Aga Cumberally.

SYDENHAM COLLEGE SPORTS

Plenty of enthusiasm and good sportsmanship lent to make the Eighteenth Annual Athletic Sports of the Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics held at the Brabourne Stadium on Wednesday a great success. S. A Mecklai, a versatile athlete, annexed the Athletic Championship and with it won the Professor Sorab S Engineer Cup.

Results:—

100 METRES RUN: S. A. Mecklai 1; R. B. Pedneker 2. Time: 11-2 seconds.

RUNNING BROAD JUMP: R. B. Pednekar 1; J. C. Pereira 2; 17 feet 9 inches.

THROWING THE DISCUS: S. A. Mecklai 1; M. P. Vajifdar 2. Distance: 73 feet 9-1/2 inches.

200 METRES RUN: S. A. Meklai 1; J. C. Pereira 2. Time: 23-4 seconds.

50 METRES RUN (WOMEN): Miss K. Adenwalla; 1; Miss K. Madan 2.

110 METRES HIGH HURDLES: S. A. Meklai 1; J Mendes 2. Time: 19-4 seconds.

3,000 METRES CYCLE: S. B. Maheshwari 1; S. K. Nadirshaw 2; J. C. Pavri 3. Time: 16 mins. 22 secs.

10,000 METRES WALK: S. A. Mecklai 1; B. N. Dabu 2; H D. Colabawala 3. Time: 59 minutes.

5,000 METRES RUN: L. N. Zakharia 1; S. A. Mecklai 2, J. C. Revera 3 Time: 19 mins. 35 secs.

HOP, STEP AND JUMP: R. B. Pedneker 1; J. C. Pereira 2; J. Mendes 3. Distance: 35 feet.

800 METRES RUN: S. A. Mecklai 1; L. N. Zakharia 2.

400 METRES RUN: S. A. Mecklai 1; J. C. Pereira 2; J. Mendes 3. Time: 55 secs.

PUTTING THE SHOT: D. V. Mohendra 1; S. A. Mecklai 2; J. Bhicaji.

C. P. QUADRANGULAR

Muslims Defeat Christians: Hindus To Meet Victors In Finals

CHRISTIANS (1st Innings) 77
MUSLIMS (1st Innings) 126
CHRISTIANS (2nd Innings) 110
MUSLIMS (2nd Innings) ..... 70 for 3 wickets.

(From Our Correspondent.)

NAGPUR, Jan. 24.

The Christians who had been able to put up only 77 runs in their first innings against the Muslims in the C. P. and Berar Quadrangular Cricket Tournament, did somewhat better in their second venture. It was, however, nothing to enthuse over and they touched 110. Alexander and Mane alone stood up to the Muslim attack to a degree.

The Muslims gathered 126 in their first knock. This asked of them 61 runs for victory. Their objective was achieved for the loss of three wickets.

Amir Elahie, India's slow bowler, failed in this match. Laurels were earned by Mushtaque Ali, who took from Christian wickets for 34 and scored 43 not out in the Muslims second innings.

HITS! ALL OF THEM!

RUKMINI (HINDI)
Starring PANNA-NIMBALKAR
with a cast of thousands
A Romantic Episode of a Damsel's Rescue by LORD KRISHNA
A DEB DUTTA FILM PRO DUCTION

GODS OF TO-DAY OR AJ CHE DEV
(MARATHI)
Directed by BABURAO PAINTER

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J. C. SETALVAD WELCOMES NATIONAL PLANNING

New President's Views On Insurance Act And Shipping

Manu Subedar Questions Representative Character Of Price Control Conference At Indian Chamber's Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Indian Merchants' Chamber was held on Wednesday afternoon at the Chamber's Hall, Mr. J. C. Setalvad presiding.

The following are extracts from the speech of Mr. J. C. Setalvad, retiring President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber:—

No one can prophesy as to what will be the reactions and implications of the vortex into which Europe has plunged.

In this situation I should like to appeal to merchants and industrialists to bring pressure upon the leaders of different political parties and communities to find a way out of the communal tangle and to make India a leading political power, as she can easily be, with her splendid man-power, resources of raw materials and the great capacity of her citizens.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

The year was made memorable by the inauguration and organisation of the National Planning Committee under the able and distinguished Chairmanship of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The main object and function of the National Planning Committee was to put into operation in this country a programme of 5 years for the organisation of big industries, and rapid development of Banking, Insurance, Shipping, and encouragement of indigenous Banking and Insurance which would take this country from the backwaters of industrial backwardness and place it in the forfront of leading industrial countries. It is a work of the most momentous national character. Such a work will require substantial funds which I trust will be made available by the commercial community. At the same it is but natural that we should want a clear statement that it will be its object to foster and develop and safeguard large scale industries also 'pari passu' with cottage industries. The future of India lies in the co-ordination of small industries, cottage industries, large scale industries, agriculture and commerce; and nothing should be done which would mar the harmonious synthesis of all these.

RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORTS

The war has brought about the institution of a machinery of economic control. The great bulk of the raw materials, which form the normal export trade of the country, although there is no shortage as yet, is not allowed to move freely and is governed by the control scheme.

The loss of export markets in belligerent territories has to be reckoned with. Germany alone used to take about 8 1/2 crores of Indian exports. Another 1 1/2 crores went to Austria and Czechoslovakia. These markets may for all practical purposes, be deemed to have been lost to us. Our exports to countries contiguous to such enemy territory may also suffer some shrinkage.

It is, therefore, of paramount importance that the present adventitious circumstances should be harnessed to accelerate Indian recovery by purposive direction and assistance and by the pursuit of an export policy, which while fulfilling the fundamental essentials of a war economy, will, at the same time, secure to India a fair field and a fair price.

WAR SERVICES AND INDIANISATION

The policy of distrust of Indians and Indian Agencies is again prominently at work and it is a matter of deep regret that Indians are being sedulously kept out of the various departments and agencies created for the purpose of the war. Thus in the department of Defence Co-ordination, in the War Supply Board and in the War Transport Board, Indians have been excluded from all the key posts and the departments are manned by Europeans. A European, till recently connected with a British Shipping Company, has been appointed Controller of Shipping in India. Appointments such as Controllers of Enemy Firms, Controller of Textile Purchases, etc. have also gone to Europeans. In the non-official sphere advisers appointed to the Supply Board have all been selected from the British community. Similarly, a foreign firm has been appointed agent for the purchase of requirements in regard to leather goods. All this goes to illustrate clearly that with all the talk of a desire for expediting the transference of power to Indian hands the old policy of keeping Indians at arms length is still to continue and that Indians are not to be trusted in matters of importance.

INSURANCE

With the passing of the Insurance Act, it was expected that the conduct of business of insurance in the country would be regulated on a basis which would indicate signs of healthy progress. But, unfortunately, the expectations have not been realised and some of the fears expressed even from the very start are being realised.

The Insurance Act gave a privileged provision to Lloyds Underwriters, in that they were not individually liable to the deposits prescribed under the Act.

SHIPPING INDUSTRY

The large import and export trade in India plays an important part in India's economic

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DON'T STAND ALOOF FROM FREEDOM'S FIGHT

Bhulabhai's Call To Indian Merchants At Chamber Dinner

"It will be criminal for the commercial community to distinguish itself as a group apart from the rest of the country in any struggle for liberty."

Thus observed Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, in the course of his speech at the second annual dinner of the Indian Merchants' Chamber held at the Taj Mahal Hotel, on Wednesday night.

Mr. J. C. Setalvad, the retiring President, in his welcome speech, said that the idea that the businessman was guided only by his selfish interest had disappeared during the last 10 years. Business and industries were the real pillars of the country, whether for war purposes or peace purposes.

He was sure that businessmen would not lag behind in the fight for freedom, when the real call came.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, made a brief speech in which he stated that the prosperity of the country was dependent on the development of commerce and industry.

UNSOLVED PROBLEM.

Mr. Bhulabhai Desai said that the last war brought some improvement in the economic conditions of India. The greatest problem was political; the problem which remained unsolved during the last war, came to the forefront during the present war.

The business community, continued Mr. Desai, should not remain as an on-looker when the struggle for freedom was going on, but should bear its proper share in the fight.

Referring to the question of price-control, he said that it was not proper on the part of the Government to limit the prices of raw materials, which should be allowed to rise under war stimulus and thus benefit the agriculturists who formed the bulk of the population. He criticised the Ordinance banning cotton options, which brought about a fall in the price of cotton. Such intervention was against the interests of the poor agriculturist.

He appealed to businessmen to give the benefit of their prosperity due to the rise in prices, in favour of the agriculturist.

C. I. Residents' Farewell To Rewa

(From A Correspondent).

REWA, Jan. 23.

Mr. K. S. Fitze, Resident for Central India, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Fitze paid a farewell visit to Rewa. The party arrived by car from Maihar on the evening of Saturday last and left for Indore the next day.

Mr. Fitze will be handing over charge of Indore Residency sometime next month.

Labour Conference Concludes

NEW DELHI, Jan. 23.

The Labour Conference concluded its two-day session late this evening after disposing of all items on its agenda.—A.P.

VIRAWALA DEAD

Thakore Flies To Rajkot From City; Radical Changes Expected

(From Our Correspondent).

RAJKOT, Jan. 24.

The Rajkot State Dewan, Darbar Virawala expired last night at his village Natwanagar after a long illness.

Rajkot observed a 'hartal' today and offices remained closed as a mark of respect. The State Councillor and other officers are starting to-day for Natwarnagar.

RADICAL CHANGES EXPECTED.

A later telegram says:

Inquiry shows he expired in Bagasra last night at 8 p.m. The Thakore Saheb who is now in Bombay is reported to have left by air.

Radical changes are anticipated in State administration and policy. Mr. Chinoy is expected to succeed him.

SEVERAL SEARCHES IN CALCUTTA

Ex-Meerut Prisoners Taken To Police Station

CALCUTTA, Jan. 24.

Extensive searches in Calcutta and Howrah were carried out by the police early this morning. The offices of the Bengal Provincial Kisan Sabha, the Bengal Provincial Trade Union, the Calcutta Tramway Union, the Avenue Club, the Hindusthan Printing Syndicate, offices of the Howrah Students' Federation, the Howrah Kisan Sabha, the Howrah Chatkal Mazdoor Union, the Ghussari Chatkal Mazdoor Union and many houses were searched under the Defence of India Rules.

Messrs. Mazaffar Ahmed, president of the Bengal Provincial Kisan Sabha, K. Ahmed, president of the Provincial Students' Federation, Biren Banerjee, Secretary of the Howrah Left Organising Committee. Bhowani Sen, Promode Das Gupta, Suren Dutta, Ranadhir Das Gupta, Abdul Momin, Labour workers, Mr. Abani Lahiri, a member of the Executive Committee of the All-India Students' Federation, Mr. Gopen Chakraborty, ex-Meerut Conspiracy prisoner, and others are reported to have been taken to police station.—United Press.

POONA CONGRESS HOUSE

Gandhiji's Special Message For Opening Ceremony

On Friday, January 26, the opening ceremony of the Congress House at Poona will be held at 9 a.m. The ceremony will be preceded by a flag salutation at 8 a.m. Gandhiji hopes in his message that the Congress House will be a centre of all workers in the country's cause. The cost of this building is about Rs. 50,000. It is a two-storied building with an open terrace and a Gandhi Hall measuring 60'x35'.

ATTACK ON PROPERTY TAX IN CORPORATION

I. S. Patel Refutes Charge Against Congress Party

The levy of Urban Immovable Property Tax by Government formed the target of attack mostly from members belonging to non-Congress Party at the resumed discussion of the current year's budget, at the Bombay Municipal Corporation, on Wednesday. Mr. B. N. Karanjia, the Mayor, was in the chair.

Resuming his speech Mr. Mohanlal M. Desai observed that in spite of the fact that the cotton duty was abolished, liquor licence gone, payment of tobacco duty restricted, the income had shown a progressive increase.

The Corporation had accepted the principle of imposing a tax on professions and he was against it. But it was some satisfaction to note that the maximum annual impost could not be more than Rs. 50, according to the Government of India Act, 1935 as amended.

The benefit of the extension of compulsory, primary education would go, according to Mr. Desai's computation, to over 1,00,000 of pupils. The expenses had also increased beyond expectation.

ABOUT SLUM CLEARANCE.

The speech of the Chairman of Standing Committee was framed more from a health point of view than from a financial one.

Continuing he said:—

"As regards, the slum service I wish to say a word. Allotment of only five lacs is made on this head in the coming year. There was a cry to improve the slums only a few years ago, and we have made very little progress. Mr. Taunton had prepared schemes for the improvement of Dharavi, Kamatipura and Marine Lines. They are now lying in abeyance. The Act requires amendments, the building bye-laws have to be renewed or revised. How long will this take? From 1898 when the City of Bombay Improvements Trust came into existence till to-date in the year 1940 the cry for improvement has remained. The progress is unsatisfactory, and steps should be taken to expedite the course of improvement.

WATER SUPPLY.

"I wish the Chairman had given us some more information about the supply of water and about our water works in the City. What has happened to the scheme of greater supply from the Vaitarna river scheme? With the increasing population, our requirements are daily increasing, and a thought should be given to the same.

"Finally, about the grant of war allowances to our servants. The Commissioner and the Chairman have not indicated what they propose to do. Articles of daily consumption cost more, and sympathetic consideration is wanted at the hands of the Commissioner and the Standing Committee."

Mr. K. H. Goregaonker observed that the revenue of the Corporation was not regulated by the houses in the city but by the rents prevailing. It seemed to him that a stage would be arriving, when revenue would go down and the expenses would go up. The only solution, in his opinion, was not to levy more urban tax but to encourage industries He would also suggest that the recent grounds should be sold at half the prices.

ATTACK ON CONGRESS.

Mr. A. P. Sabawalla remarked that the Congress after it came into power in this Province attacked their Corporation and captured it by means of false slogans.

Although there were many of his friends in the Congress Party, and although he believed at first that the Congress by capturing power in the Corporation would improve the lot of the poor, they had to ask themselves now whether the condition of the poor had in any way improved. Their relations with the past Government were a bit happy. But what had happened now? The Corporation had been turned into a handmaid of the Government, chiefly of villagers consisting of members from Karnatak and Belgaum who did not know that the city of Bombay was the sword-arm of the Congress itself.

After criticising the levy of the urban immovable property-tax, he said that 20 lakhs of rupees had been earmarked for slum clearance and now it had been reduced to one lakh. There was also another white-elephant extension of primary education which he regarded as a vote-catching device, although he had no objection to encouraging education which was really a national industry.

Referring to the question of war-allowance, he stated that a satisfactory solution should be found, as mere increase in wages might mean further increase in the prices of commodities.

Mr. H. C. D. Irvin thought that primary education in its truest form was the improvement of housing conditions, so that assimilation of knowledge was made easier in improved conditions.

Mr. N. C. Bharucha looked at the budget as a masterpiece of a camouflaged artist.

Mr. I. S. Patel said that nobody might grow pessimistic or alarming about the budget. With the rise in the price of raw materials and increase in imports in the Bombay harbour, the Corporation's revenue would increase.

He refuted the charge that the Congress Party was responsible for the present financial position in the Corporation. The present position was primarily due to the lack of vigilance shown by the predecessors of the Congress Party.

Discussion on the budget had not concluded when the meeting adjourned till Thursday.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

An interesting Radio item last night was the choir singing conducted by Elli Millet. While the public appreciates these recitals of sacred music, it would be appreciated even more if the A.I.R. were to put this programme on the normal long wave. The forty-one metre band is very disturbing for this kind of choir singing and spoils a great deal of its charm. Would A.I.R. kindly make a note for the next time?

Hospital Day at the races was most disappointing. It was in fact in no way different from the ordinary day. There was no propaganda, no flags, not even the nurses to add local colour. I feel the Hospital Committee were somewhat slack and many of them were not even present. If the Committees in charge of Hospital funds want the public to support and help them, it is only fair that they should make some little effort themselves. A lot more money could have been made for the Hospitals and one feels that those who could have collected this were a little slack in their duties.

Paderewski now plays the "Indictment in G."

"German Steel Works Gutted." Where is Van der Lobbe, the mad Dutchman?

The Maharajah of Kolapur is quite a personality on the Race Course. He carries a lot of weight.

Without wanting to enter a racing controversy which is going on at the moment in sections of the local racing press, one cannot help saying that it does little credit to a Club which bears the name of the Royal Western India Turf Club.

A book worth noting is, "No Arms, No Armour."

And J. B. Priestly's "Let the People Sing" looks like a best-seller. But so few people are interested in books these days!

AUDIT OF BENGAL CONGRESS ACCOUNTS

Executive On Working Committee's Resolution

CALCUTTA, Jan. 23.

The Executive Council of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee, at a meeting this evening, adopted the report submitted by the sub-committee set up to examine the report of the auditors appointed by the Congress Working Committee in connection with the B. P. C. C. accounts, and also the Working Committee resolution thereon.

The sub-committee in its report "inter alia" observes: "A good part of the auditors' report is devoted to matters not concerning audit, and the audit as such has been perfunctorily done.

"We are also constrained to note the remark in the Working Committee resolution, namely, 'from the manner in which the account was sought to be opened on 21st December, 1939, it is clear that monies were not easily forthcoming from where the same were held' is a mere guess-work and not supported by facts".—United Press.

Edgar Wallace Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE — THE JUG OF DEATH

LAND SAKES, YOU'VE BEEN SITTING NEXT TO MISS DRAYTON'S DOOR SINCE THIS MORNING/
SHURE, AN' THERE'S ANOTHER BEFORE HER DA'S ROOM - AN' BOGGS' ROOM, TOO/ IT'S STRAIGHT FROM SCOTLAND YARD WE GOT OUR ORDERS/
BUT YOU'VE BEEN ON GUARD FOR EIGHT HOURS/
ANOTHER HALF-HOUR AN' I'M THRU/ THERE'S ANOTHER BOBBY COMIN' TO RELIEVE ME/
6-8
SAY, OFFICER, YOU'RE GOIN' TO TH' HOSPITAL TO DO GUARD DUTY, AIN'T YOU?
YES, AN' I'M LATE NOW....
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THEM CLOTHES'LL FIT ME FINE/ YOU AIN'T GOIN' NO PLACE/

Bhavnagar Harijans' Demands

(From Our Correspondent)

BHAVNAGAR, Jan. 22.

The untouchable workers' problem has attracted considerable attention of the public. An informal meeting of the workers was held at Ruvapari Gate when two main demands of untouchable workers were emphasised one is war allowance and another recognition of the Municipal Workers' Union.

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